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TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION ACCOMPLISHES MUCH

The Twenty-eighth National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi convened at 9:30 A.M. on Friday, April 13, in Birmingham, Alabama, on the invitation of Pi Chapter. Approximately forty people registered, including delegates, visitors, and advisers of sixteen chapters. Several chapters which could not be represented sent reports, and telegrams were received from Tau and Omega Chapters and from Professor William C. Korfmacher, Chairman of Contests and a member of the Board of Trustees. All officers were present, and President Joseph Gutierrez presided at all meetings. Professors William H. Willis and Graydon W. Regenos of the Board of Trustees, and the Executive Secretary were in attendance.

On Friday night following the subscription dinner, Ray Garner's movie *Greece* was shown to the delegates. The first item on the program for Saturday morning was an address by Professor Robert L. Scranton of Emory University on *Ut Poesis Architectura*, which the speaker illustrated with beautiful color slides which he had made of Egyptian temples, works of Athenian architecture, and Byzantine churches. Very favorable comments on Professor Scranton's lecture were made by the delegates.

Pi Chapter enjoyed having the members of the convention as its guests. The members of the chapter

appreciate the many letters which they have received from the delegates and are pleased to hear from the new friends which they made during the convention. Although everyone realized that there was a great amount of enthusiasm at the meeting, no one suspected that this was charging the atmosphere to the point that a violent storm would erupt over Birmingham on the following day. The Executive Secretary is very thankful that this came after the delegates had returned home. Neither the college nor its students and faculty suffered harm.

The minutes of the convention, including all reports except those from local chapters, are now being prepared and should be received by all chapters before the end of the present academic year. Only the highlights of the meeting are covered in the following brief report.

DON ZACHARIS NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Don Zacharias of Gamma Theta Chapter was chosen as the new National President of Eta Sigma Phi at the concluding session of the convention. To serve with him as national officers for the coming year are National Vice-President Carol Gerwig of Gamma Chapter, National Secretary Marianne Jansen of Beta Omicron Chapter, and

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AT LEFT is shown a picture made of the group during the convention.

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National Treasurer Richard L. Brown of Alpha Psi Chapter. The installation of the new officers by the Executive Secretary was the concluding item of business at the convention.

NEW TRUSTEES

Professor William H. Willis, whose term expired at this time, was re-elected to the Board of Trustees for another three years. Professor Paul R. Murphy of Ohio University was elected for a term of three years to succeed Professor Grace L. Beede of the University of South Dakota. It was made a matter of policy that no trustee should serve more than three consecutive terms.

SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY ABROAD APPROVED

Professor Willis gave a most encouraging report of the investments of the fraternity and the present income from these. He also presented the plan which had been worked out by the Board of Trustees for using the interest from the investments to award a scholarship to an active member or recent alumnus of Eta Sigma Phi for study during the summer at the American Academy in Rome or the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. At present Professor Willis is corresponding with the Managing Committees of the schools to discover if they will be willing to implement the scholarship with further funds and tuition grants. The Board of Trustees requested approval of the plan for the scholarship and permission to transfer a sum of \$500.00 from the general funds of the fraternity to the investment fund in order that additional interest might be earned from this unused money. Both of these requests were approved and the Board of Trustees was instructed to continue its negotiations



The officers during a business session.



A business meeting.

with the schools and make the scholarship available as soon as possible. This will possibly require a year or more.

CHARTERS GRANTED FOR THREE NEW CHAPTERS

During the year, four schools presented petitions for charters to establish chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. Three of these were approved by the Grand Executive Council and presented to the delegates for approval. By unanimous decision charters were granted to Loyola University of Chicago, Howard University of Washington, D. C., and Monmouth College of Monmouth, Illinois. The Executive Secretary is now arranging for installation of the new chapters and hopes to establish these before the end of the academic year. Detailed reports of the new chapters will appear in later issues of the *NUNTIUS*. The petition of Alpha Omega Chapter, Louisiana State University, requesting that the chapter be returned to the roll of active chapters, was unanimously approved and the chapter has been reinstated. The Executive Secretary was requested hereafter to inform the chapters of petitioning schools and their qualifications for charters prior to the National Convention by notices in the *NUNTIUS* or by letter, and he agreed to do this.

NEW AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

The amendments to the Constitution which were proposed at the Twenty-seventh National Convention were adopted and became a part of the Constitution. Several new amendments, which will be reported in the minutes and later published in the *NUNTIUS*, were proposed and will be voted on at the Twenty-ninth National Convention. It was also made a policy of the fraternity to pay the national officers for travel expenses to national convention the sum of six cents per mile one way.

TWENTY-NINTH CONVENTION IN CHICAGO AREA

Beta Chapter's invitation to the fraternity to hold its Twenty-ninth National Convention in the Chicago area with Beta Chapter as host was approved by the convention. Several chapters extended invitations but since these were all from chapters in sections where recent conventions had been held, it was decided to accept with great pleasure Beta's gracious invitation. The date and exact location, i.e. Chicago or Evanston, will be decided early in the fall.

MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION

The following persons from the designated chapters registered at the convention:

Gamma: Nancy Gerhard, Carol Gerwig, Dottie Pavkov, Eileen Wickline.

Adviser: Professor Paul R. Murphy

Epsilon: Catherine Nutting

Lambda: Karl F. Morrison

Adviser: Professor William H. Willis

Pi: Arleen Gray, Benny R. Tucker, Roy Wells

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Alpha Omega: Will W. de Grummond, Eugene Pizzeck, Virginia Ratcliffe

Adviser: Professor Thomas H. Corcoran

Beta Omicron: Marianne Jansen, Margaret Schaefer, Kathleen Trost

Beta Tau: Joseph Gutierrez

Beta Upsilon: Edith Jeannine Hensley

Gamma Alpha: Venita Fox, Ethel Hittle, Elizabeth Johnson

Adviser: Professor Gertrude Ewing

Gamma Eta: *Adviser*: Professor George W. Currie

Gamma Theta: Don W. Zacharias

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION

"We thoroughly enjoyed being delegates to the Twenty-eighth National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi. Much impressed us, but the outstanding thoughts which we brought back from Birmingham were of the friendliness of our hosts and of the delegates and the unity of the organization as a whole. We felt right at home from the moment of registration and found ourselves talking as if we were old friends in a matter of minutes.

"The National Officers very ably conducted the business sessions. The response of the delegates grew better as the convention progressed and their decisions on most matters were almost unanimous.

"We are both proud and happy to be members of such a fine organization and feel that it truly carries out its aim of promoting good will and friendship among students of the Classics." —*Kathleen Trost, Margaret Schaefer, Marianne Jansen (Beta Omicron).*

"Everyone who attended the National Convention, I'm sure, deeply appreciated Pi Chapter's planning which

helped to make this national meeting a success. I shall always prize it as an example of true Southern Hospitality.

"I feel that the National Officers did an excellent job at the convention. They worked long, hard hours during the two days. In fact, I think most of them were able to sleep only about four hours. Mr. Gutierrez kept order in all the business sessions and at the same time permitted thorough discussion of all the issues. The remainder of the officers were equally as faithful in the execution of their work, as everyone present at the convention knows.

"The thing that impressed me the most about the entire meeting was everyone's friendliness. The true fraternal spirit was shown by all the delegates and sponsors.

"One delightful afternoon was spent in touring Birmingham. Our guide, a representative of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, went all out in showing us the city's attractions.

"My only regret at the convention was that representatives of all chapters weren't present. They missed a great experience in Eta Sigma Phi."—*Don Zacharias.*

LATIN TEACHERS NEEDED IN INDIANA

Miss Lois Rinsch of Hartford City, Indiana, sent the *NUNTIUS* the following report of the Joint High-School-College Committee for the Recruitment of Latin Teachers in Indiana. Professor Gertrude Ewing, Adviser of Gamma Alpha Chapter, Indiana State Teachers College, is the chairman of this committee.

The twelve colleges and universities of Indiana and the Placement Bureau of the Indiana State Teachers Association received 277 calls for Latin teachers during 1955-56, of which 88 requests were from out of state. Of these, 161 were calls without duplication. (In 1954-55 at least 140 calls without duplication were received). Forty-three per cent of the 161 requests were for a combination of Latin and English. There were requests for Latin alone, Latin and Spanish, Latin and mathematics, and Latin, Spanish, and English. Only six people who were qualified to teach Latin in secondary schools were graduated from Indiana colleges and universities in 1955, and only three of these decided to teach.

The following statistics are taken from the *Indiana Research Bulletin*, published by the Department of Public Instruction:

In 1953-54 there were 32,129 pupils enrolled in foreign languages in 786 schools, which represents more than 90 per cent of all high schools. There were 19,605 enrolled in Latin, 8,977 in Spanish, 2,737 in French, and 810 in German. Thus more students were enrolled in Latin than in all of the other languages combined. Contrary to popular opinion, Latin enrollments were not concentrated in small schools. Although Latin enrollments were fairly uniformly distributed among all schools, a slightly greater proportion of students in medium-sized schools were enrolled in Latin.

At its meeting in November, the Committee drew up a letter to be sent to Latin teachers throughout Indiana requesting their assistance in offering a scholarship which would be set up for the top-ranking high school Latin student who plans to continue his study of Latin in a college or university with a view in mind to teach Latin. VERBUM SAPIENTI SAT.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Your editor has enjoyed preparing the four issues of Volume 30 of the *NUNTIUS* and is very grateful to those who have assisted him. The many kind comments which readers have sent encouraged him and made his work a great pleasure. "Many thanks to all of you!" Thanks also to the reporters of chapters who have supplied the material from which the copy has been prepared. Reports have appeared during the year from all but eleven of the fifty-four chapters. Four of these have reported that because of local conditions they have been inactive during the year but plan to become active as soon as possible. Although one may look to the past with pleasure, it is necessary also to look to the future as this volume is finished and request that reporters continue to send in reports. Since the October issue must go to press soon after school begins in September, now would be a good time to send in reports of the closing months of

this year. Your editor will look forward to receiving these in the next few weeks.

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All chapters are urged to send in financial statements covering recent initiates. Sometimes these are forgotten in the last minutes rush of the year, and then when they are sent in and the membership cards and certificates received, the students are not available to receive these. The National Office will appreciate your cooperation in this matter and will send you the membership cards as quickly as possible.

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Please call the fraternity jewelry to the attention of the new initiates and urge them to purchase a pin or key. The best advertisement for the fraternity is the insignia worn by its members. Also kindly remember that these should be ordered through our official jeweler, the L. G. Balfour Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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The report of the Eta Sigma Phi Contests was received after the *NUNTIUS* had gone to press. It may be possible to include the names of the winners in a later issue.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR BEEDE

Professor Grace L. Beede of the University of South Dakota is a loyal and enthusiastic member of Eta Sigma Phi and supports its activities wholeheartedly. Under her direction Beta Alpha Chapter is very active and effective and continues to grow and serve the cause of the Classics not only in the University but also in the state. Professor Beede has given generously of her time to serve on the Board of Trustees and has contributed valuable service during the years in which our investments have increased and become of such significance that the interest can now be used to further the study of the Classics. All members of Eta Sigma Phi join the editor in expressing to Professor Beede our heartfelt gratitude for her service on the Board of Trustees. We know that she will continue in the future to aid the development of Eta Sigma Phi. The Resolutions Committee of the Twenty-eighth National Convention brought before the convention the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:

Be it resolved that this Convention extend a special vote of gratitude to Dr. Grace L. Beede for her able actions during her service as a member of the Board of Trustees.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS

BETA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Robert McClure, Prytanis of Beta Chapter, sent a resume of the chapter's activities for the year. New members were initiated in May. In October, a luncheon meeting for election of new officers was held and also an informal gathering at the home of Professor Grundy Steiner, Adviser, which was attended by both the members of the department and the chapter. Future activities of the chapter were planned at a business meeting in April.

Since Beta is to be the host to the National Convention next year, it is doubtless looking forward to a busy year. It will also be in charge of the installation of the new chapter at Loyola University.

GAMMA CHAPTER, OHIO UNIVERSITY

Gamma Chapter again entertained all students of Greek and Latin in the University at an open house and explained the ideals and aims of Eta Sigma Phi. The annual Christmas card sale was also continued. The outstanding feature of the program for the first semester was the initiation of three new members. Miss Anna P. McVay, one of the founders of the American Classical League, was the speaker at this meeting. Six more students are to be initiated in May, and the annual banquet will be held at this time.

The main project for the second semester was the annual party which the chapter sponsors for the high school Latin students in the Athens area. Gamma Chapter also presents an award to an outstanding Latin student of the high school which was attended by each of its graduating seniors. This award is usually a book.

Gamma Chapter is to be congratulated on the recognition which the National Conventions of Eta Sigma Phi bestow on its members. Eileen Wickline of Gamma Chapter is the retiring National Secretary, Carol Gerwig is the incoming National Vice-President, and Professor Paul R. Murphy has been elected as a member of the Board of Trustees.

EPSILON CHAPTER, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Catherine Nutting, Prytanis of Epsilon Chapter, reported to the National Convention that her chapter is a "small but fairly powerful group," which has "managed to promote a few activities to enhance the Classics." Her further report made this quite clear.

Each month the chapter sponsors a coffee hour which is open to the public. Not only students from the Department of Classics but students and faculty from other departments "attend these gatherings and take part in the interesting conversation held over the coffee cups." The chapter has sponsored three speakers, one of whom, Professor Dorrance White, brought down the house by describing the recent Broadway play *The Tiger at the Gate* in very un-Homeric terms. In addition to these open meetings, the chapter has held two closed meetings, one an initiation, and the other the Christmas party, held at the home of Professor Gerald F. Else. At this party the

students presented a Latin playlet, "The Christmas Carol," and the entire group sang carols.

The outstanding project of the year was the High School Oratorical Contest, held on March 28 in the Senate Chamber of the old Capitol. Ten students from the three Iowa City high schools gave from memory seven-minute selections from Cicero's orations. Most chose something from *In Catilinam I*. The three winners, who received books as prizes, were announced during the refreshment hour which followed. The chapter considered the contest a success, particularly since many students from the schools came to hear their classmates and so had an opportunity to look over the Department of Classics and meet the members of the faculty. It hopes to continue the contest in the future. Epsilon Chapter also awards medals to high school students above the freshman level who have maintained an average of "A" throughout the year. Now the chapter is preparing to present selections from the works of Plautus and Terence.

LAMBDA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

The members of Lambda Chapter have been fortunate in being able to hear lectures by three illustrious Classical scholars: Sir Richard Livingstone of Oxford University, Professor Arthur D. Trendall, Master of University House, Canberra, Australia, and Professor George Mylonas of Washington University. The annual banquet is to be held during the month of May. The chapter encourages the study of Latin in the high schools of Mississippi by bestowing awards on those students who, according to the results of state-wide Latin contests, are "eminently well-qualified to pursue their Classical studies beyond the level of secondary education." Lambda Chapter now has eighteen undergraduate members and twelve associate and faculty members. Eight new members were initiated at the recent spring initiation, the only one held this year.

PI CHAPTER, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Delegates to the recent National Convention will be pleased to learn that Benny Ray Tucker, Prytanis of Pi Chapter, has recently been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa. He is also the recipient of a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship which will permit him to do graduate work in Classics at Washington University in St. Louis. The members of the chapter who attended the convention send greetings to their new friends whom they made at the convention.

UPSILON, MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Joan McElroy reports that Upsilon Chapter meets once a month with the Classical Club. The programs are usually centered about classical civilization, but this year the members decided to devote their meetings to studying Greek, since courses in Greek are not offered in the regular curriculum of the college. The members

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learned the alphabet and some inflections of nouns and verbs, and have read a few verses of Homer.

ALPHA DELTA, AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

According to the report of Betty Claire Regen, the chapter has had a very good year. Following the initiation of new members in October the Chapter has devoted its programs to a study of Greek mythology, using Edith Hamilton's *Greek Mythology* as a guide. There was one special program on the influence of the myths on world literature. Students from beginning classes in Greek and Latin, who are prospective members of the chapter, visited the meetings at various times during the year.

One of the highlights of the year was the Blackfriars' production of Sophocles' *Antigone*. Miss Kathryn Glick, Adviser of the chapter, and Mrs. Harvey Young, visiting professor during the absence abroad of Miss Elizabeth Zenn, assisted with the production and one of the members of the chapter played the part of Teiresias.

The chapter held its annual banquet on April 19 at the Plantation House in Atlanta. Officers for the new year were elected at this meeting. Everyone is looking forward to another interesting year, since Miss Zenn will be able to share her experiences in Rome with the members of Alpha Delta. Miss Regen also hopes that the chapter will send delegates to the next National Convention, since she feels that "it is fully worth any member's time and money to attend."

ALPHA EPSILON, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

On April 18, Alpha Epsilon Chapter entertained Alpha Rho Chapter of Muhlenberg College. Professor Edward Stevers of the Department of Classics, Muhlenberg College, read a paper on "The Song of the Classics." Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Rho Chapters will hold a joint banquet in May.

ALPHA RHO, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

Three men were initiated at the March meeting of Alpha Rho, as reported by Joseph Donchez, Prytanis and retiring National Treasurer of Eta Sigma Phi. At the meeting, Mr. Robert Schlunk read a paper on the Cabala. On April 18, the chapter met with Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Lehigh University, and the annual banquet will be held in May. At this banquet Mrs. Alice Talmadge of the Department of Classics, Cedar Crest College, will be the speaker. The chapter will again award medals to local high school students.

ALPHA TAU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Members of Alpha Tau Chapter were guests of the Columbus Latin Club at a luncheon on March 3. The chapter and the Columbus Latin Club were co-sponsors of a program of films about Carthage, the Second Punic War, Roman and Greek Architecture, the Rehabilitation of Greece following World War II, and the Mediterranean area. Miss Lucille Rowland, Columbus North High School, who held a Fullbright Scholarship in Rome during the

summer of 1954, showed slides and pictures of Rome to illustrate her talk at another recent meeting.

ALPHA CHI, TULANE UNIVERSITY

At the time of the report of Prytanis Carl W. Conrad, Alpha Chi Chapter was looking forward to April 29, when Professor George E. Mylonas of Washington University was to deliver a public address, sponsored by the chapter, on "The Excavations at Mycenae." A reception was to follow the lecture. In May the chapter is planning a panel discussion on Greek tragedy and its reinterpretation in the light of some current movements in European thought. This discussion is to be open to the public. Alpha Chi is presenting awards to the best students in senior Latin in the high schools of New Orleans.

ALPHA PSI, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE

Richard L. Brown, new National Treasurer of Eta Sigma Phi, says that Alpha Psi Chapter has used as the topic of discussion for its meetings this year "Greek and Roman Paganistic Influences on Modern Religion." Reports on this topic were given at the regular monthly meetings. There are at present eleven members in the chapter including Professors Roy Nyswaner and Donald Laing of the faculty. New active members and two honorary faculty members are to be initiated in May. The annual banquet will also be held in May.

ALPHA OMEGA, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Although Alpha Omega Chapter was placed on the roll of inactive chapters by the Twenty-seventh National Convention, the chapter became active immediately again this year through the interest and encouragement of Professor Thomas H. Corcoran. Both the members of the chapter and the National Office are pleased that the chapter was returned to the list of active chapters at the recent National Convention. Readers of the *NUNTIUS* will be interested to know that the administration of Louisiana State University was very interested in having the chapter reinstated and cooperated with Professor Corcoran in the reactivation. Will De Grummond, Prytanis, told the National Convention that the members of the chapter feel that the fraternity "brings prestige to the University, distinction and honor to superior students of Greek and Latin, and promotes interest in Classical Studies." There are at present eleven members of the chapter.

Six active members and two honorary members were initiated at a recent meeting. The initiation was held in the library of the French House and after the ceremony the members were served refreshments at the home of Professor Thompson, Chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages. The *Daily Reveille*, campus newspaper, carried an interesting news item concerning the fraternity and the initiation.

BETA KAPPA, COLLEGE OF NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND

Mary Eleanor Delea, Prytanis of Beta Kappa Chapter, informs the National Office that her chapter has already

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awarded six Eta Sigma Phi medals to the winners of a Latin Translation Contest which was sponsored in Baltimore's first celebration of Latin Week. The chapter has seen two films recently: the *Oresteia* as presented at Randolph-Macon College for Women last year under the direction of Miss Mable Whitesides, and Ray Garner's *Greece*.

BETA LAMBDA, MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

The members of Beta Lambda Chapter received the following invitation to the March meeting:

Beta Lambda Flight to "Greece Through the Ages"
Board Plane Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 P.M.
Airline Stewardess: Barbara Schuetz.

This announced the filmstrip "Greece through the Ages," for which Barbara Schuetz was interlocutor. A/1c Theodore Zahn, SHAFB, from a local air base, who recently visited Greece, pointed out modern aspects of Greece and her culture. Two items of interest appeared on the meeting of April 24. A movie, "Ruins of Ancient Rome," was presented and following that Sister Marie Antoinette, Adviser, says the time was given over to lively planning for the traditional Roman Banquet, the concluding activity of the year. This will be authentic, with a Roman menu, couches, and Latin conversation.

BETA NU, MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE

Miss Irene Goldman, Secretary and Treasurer elect for 1956-57 of Beta Nu Chapter, has been appointed reporter to the *NUNTIUS* for the coming year. The April meeting of the chapter was held at the home of Professor Laura V. Sumner, Adviser, and new officers were elected at that time. Miss Carolyn Six is the new Prytanis of the chapter. A new member, Helen Theophilos, was initiated at this meeting.

BETA XI, ROSARY COLLEGE

On February 11, the members of Beta Xi Chapter had as its guests the members of Beta Omicron Chapter. The two chapters attended a performance of Euripedes' *Electra* by the drama department. In the evening, an initiation ceremony for the new members was held, which the guests also attended.

BETA OMICRON, MOUNT MARY COLLEGE

Carol Mayer has informed the National Office that at the February 21 meeting of Beta Omicron Chapter Sister Mary Dorothea presented a lecture on Thucydides to which all Latin students and other students in the college were invited. A tape recording of Pericles' *Funeral Oration* from the Living Heritage Series concluded the program.

"Modern Living in Ancient Rome" was described at the March meeting by Sister Mary Lelia, who has just returned to Mount Mary from Rome, where she has conducted a school for girls for six years. An exhibit of items from Rome was arranged in the Department of Classics. Ten new members were pledged in March and will be initiated in May.

Beta Omicron will award three medals in second-year Latin and three in fourth-year Latin to students who

excel in competitive Latin examinations. The college will award a scholarship to the girl who ranks highest in the examination for fourth-year students.

The staff of the *NUNTIUS* has learned on competent authority that Sister Mary Dorothea, the Adviser, was speechless when she learned that Marianne Jansen had been elected the new National Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi. The members of the chapter are also very happy that the next convention will be nearer to Milwaukee, since their delegates attend the convention every year, regardless of distance.

"Bon Voyage" to Sister Mary Dorothea and the other members of Beta Omicron who sail for Rome on June 20 from Montreal, Canada.

BETA TAU, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Joseph Gutierrez, retiring National President of Eta Sigma Phi, was elated, when he wrote on April 24, that one hundred and sixty-four contestants had already registered for the high school Latin Contest scheduled for April 28. Thirty-seven schools were invited to participate this year. The chapter is also preparing for the Horace Contest, an oral examination before a panel of three professors on sight translations from Horace's *Odes and Satires* in which the winner is awarded a medal at graduation, and the Vergilian Actus, an oral examination on the *Aeneid* before six judges, including members of the faculty of Georgetown and neighboring colleges. At the next meeting Professor Raymond U. Schoder of West Baden College is to give an illustrated lecture on "Vergilian Sites." Joseph says that this has been Beta Tau's most successful year. The chapter will install the new chapter at Howard University.

BETA UPSILON, MARSHALL COLLEGE

Jeannine Hensley, retiring National Vice-President of Eta Sigma Phi, sends a report on the year's activities of the chapter which included a Saturnalia in Roman dress at Christmas, a joint meeting with the Marshall Classical Associates with a lecture on European prehistory as connected with Caesar's Gauls and Germans, and an initiation ceremony and dinner. The chapter will award a medal to the best fourth-year Latin student in the surrounding area.

BETA PSI, SOUTHWESTERN AT MEMPHIS

Sir Richard Livingstone of Oxford University was a visiting lecturer on the campus of Southwestern during February. On February 21 Beta Psi Chapter gave a tea in his honor and had as its guests the members of Lambda Chapter, University of Mississippi.

GAMMA ALPHA, INDIANA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

The members of Gamma Alpha Chapter have been active in the Latin program in their state. They assisted the Joint High School - College Latin Recruitment Committee, of which Professor Gertrude Ewing, their Adviser, is head, and helped with the State Latin Contests. They also wrote letters to the Latin teachers of the state requesting contributions to a scholarship to be awarded

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