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ETA SIGMA PHI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



Donald R. Laing, Jr.

Donald R. Laing, Jr., alumnus and faculty member of Alpha Psi Chapter, is the winner of the first Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship and will be a member of the Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens during July and August. Although Professor Graydon W. Regenos, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, received applications from excellent candidates, he and the members of his committee easily agreed that Mr. Laing was the best qualified to receive the scholarship. The editor of *THE NUNTIUS* speaks in behalf of all members of the fraternity in extending congratulations to Mr. Laing and also to Alpha Psi Chapter and its adviser, Dr. Roy Nyswaner. Members of the Twenty-ninth National Convention had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Laing and extending congratulations to him in person.

Mr. Laing has crowded many honors into the twenty-five years of his life. He spent his undergraduate days at Washington and Jefferson College, where his major was Greek and his minors German and history. He became a member of Eta Sigma Phi and Phi Beta Kappa and as a member of the Class of 1953 was graduated *summa cum laude*. After a year's study at Bethel Theological Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota, he returned to Washington and Jefferson as instructor in Greek and Religion. During his first two years of teaching he pursued a part-time program at Pittsburg-Xenia Seminary. Upon his return from Athens he will enter his fourth year of teaching at Washington and Jefferson College.

Reading in as wide an area as possible, golf and basketball, and dabbling in electronics, such as minor repairs on radios, television sets, and phonographs, are Mr. Laing's hobbies. He also finds time to help his wife with the care of their two young children.

Mr. Laing's future plans, as stated in his own words, are ambitious but his past achievements portend success: "I am hoping to enter graduate work on a full scale leading to a doctoral degree in the field of Classics, in the languages, histories, and archaeology. Along with this I would like to become well-versed in the literature and history of the Hebrew people, in the period from 1000 B. C. to 100 A. D. approximately. I feel that such a program as this will combine the areas of my greatest interest. The only research project that I have in mind just now concerns a possible connection between the sea-faring peoples of the Mediterranean and the inhabitants of ancient Palestine by means of the Philistine people."

Professor Regenos and the members of his committee would like for those who applied for the scholarship but failed to receive it to apply again. All of the candidates had excellent qualifications and should submit new applications for the next award as soon as the competition is announced.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All members of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Secretary met together at Columbus, Ohio, recently during the meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. It is unusual for all of the Trustees to be able to meet at the same time, so this gave the members an excellent opportunity to discuss the scholarship program of the fraternity. No decision was reached concerning the scholarship for the Summer of 1958 but every effort is being made to make a scholarship available for study at Rome and there seems no reason for pessimism at this time. The problem of the Rome scholarship is caused by the fact that the American Academy does not have the same policy of matching grants as that of the American School at Athens.

The immediate need is to increase the endowment fund from the present \$6000 to \$10,000. Perhaps some person who is interested in the Classics would be willing to make a generous contribution to the fund if he knew of the need. There are doubtless many alumni who would also be willing to contribute if asked. It has been suggested that individual chapters might undertake the scholarship as a project for next year and raise money to contribute to the endowment fund.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Rain, snow, and fog were pleasing to the Cloud-gatherer on April 5 and 6 when the Twenty-ninth National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi met at Evanston, Illinois, but Maia's son gave the delegates safe conduct to the Georgian Hotel, where Beta Chapter was host to the visitors. Eighty-two members from twenty-three chapters registered during the meeting. Eighteen active chapters were represented by official delegates, two by faculty members, and two inactive chapters by faculty and alumni. Jo Ann Sweeney and Eileen Wicklein, former national secretaries, were members of the convention. The meetings were harmonious and important business was transacted in a dignified manner. President Don W. Zacharias presided at all meetings with efficiency and poise, and all of the other national officers were present and performed their duties most capably.

The fifteen chapter advisers who were present commented on the fine group of delegates and visitors. It was very impressive to see such outstanding young students participating in the meetings. Each chapter which was represented should be proud of its delegates and the fraternity may feel assured of its future since its membership is composed of such intelligent, capable, and fine-looking men and women.

Professor Gertrude Smith of Alpha Chapter, our Honorary President, attended most of the meeting and very graciously told of her recent visit to the Mediterranean and illustrated her comments with slides. At noon on Saturday Mr. Andre Michalopoulos, Adviser to the Royal Greek Embassy, spoke at the luncheon which was held jointly by Eta Sigma Phi and the Classical Club of Chicago. Mr. Michalopoulos' address was both instructive and witty.

The members of the Convention enjoyed the hospitality of Beta Chapter. Professor Grundy Steiner, Adviser, Robert McClure, and the other members of the chapter had made excellent arrangements which the delegates appreciated. The resolutions expressed the gratitude of the members. The Secretary's report, which will be mailed to each chapter soon, will carry the resolutions and all other matters of business. This brief report gives only highlights. The editor regrets that there are no pictures of the members of the convention but time and clouds prevented these.

SAM COWLING INSTALLED AS MEGAS PRYTANIS

Samuel T. Cowling, Beta Tau Chapter, is the new National President. The other national officers are National Vice-President Margaret Schaefer of Beta Omicron Chapter, National Secretary Dorothy Pavkov of Gamma Chapter, and National Treasurer Thomas M. Moore of Beta Alpha Chapter. Margaret and Dorothy were members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention and enjoyed it so much that they came again. Several who were present at Evanston had attended previous conventions.

PROFESSOR EWING IS NEW TRUSTEE

Professor Gertrude Ewing of Indiana State Teachers College was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees to succeed Professor H. Lloyd Stow of Vanderbilt University, who has served more than three terms and is not at present connected with an active chapter. Professor Stow has served as Registrar of the Eta Sigma Phi Medals for many years. This duty will be returned to the Executive Secretary, as provided by the Constitution.

NEW CHAPTERS

The Executive Secretary was authorized by the Convention to grant charters and install chapters at Hope College, Holland, Michigan, and Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, New Jersey. The petition from Saint Peter's College was received too late to be mentioned in *THE NUNTIUS* prior to the meeting. Alpha Nu Chapter at Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, was granted permission to reactivate its chapter and this has already been completed. Alpha Xi Chapter at Washington University was placed on the roll of inactive chapters since it has initiated no new members since 1954.

Gamma Xi and Gamma Omicron Chapters, which were authorized by the last National Convention, were installed in May 1956. Both of these were represented at the convention and presented fine reports of worthwhile activities. A chapter was also authorized for Loyola University of Chicago last year but the students who petitioned for the chapter have been unable to organize during the past year. It was voted to require this school to submit a new petition at the next National Convention, as required by the Constitution.

AMENDMENTS

The Convention approved the proposed revision of Section 1a of Article VI of the Constitution to include the office of Vice-president and Article VIII was rewritten to include a new section which states the duties of the vice-president as Chairman of the Committee on Reactivation and Expansion. Section 4 f, now Section 5 f, was added to Article VIII to list Editor of *THE NUNTIUS* as a duty of the Executive Secretary.

New amendments read for the first time and approved for a second reading were that Article XV, Section 3 be revised to read "The subscription price for those people who are not active members shall be one dollar per year" and Section 4 of Article XV be deleted, since the Editor of *THE NUNTIUS* is now covered in the new amendment mentioned above. The Convention was unable to decide how Section 4 of Article XIII should be reworded to change the reading from national dues to initiation fees. The Committee on Amendments was instructed to continue in office and study this. Richard A. Matzek of Beta Sigma Chapter is Chairman of this committee, which will report on its study two months prior to the Thirtieth National Convention in order that this may be voted upon at that time.

RITUAL TO BE REVISED

Since the supply of bound copies of the Ritual of Eta Sigma Phi is running low, it was voted at the Convention to undertake the revision of the Ritual as the major project of the Thirtieth National Convention. The Grand Executive Council was empowered to appoint a committee which should study the Ritual and propose changes and revisions to be presented to the delegates next April. A questionnaire has already been sent from the National Office to each chapter requesting suggestions. All chapters should study the present Ritual and make definite suggestions to be used by the committee.

ETA SIGMA PHI SCHOLARSHIP

Professor Grace L. Beede of the Scholarship Committee read the report of that Committee. Professor Graydon W. Regenos, Chairman, and the members of the committee were pleased with the number of applicants for the first scholarship and also with the caliber of those who applied. Professor Gertrude Ewing presented to the Convention Mr. Donald R. Laing, Jr., who was awarded the first scholarship.

Professor William H. Willis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, discussed the finances of the fraternity and requested an expression of opinion from the Convention concerning what should be done about offering a scholarship in 1958. No decision was reached on this matter and the Board of Trustees will decide and its decision will be announced later. The Convention voted to transfer to the investments a sum of about \$400.00, which represents a surplus in the Medal Fund, and all money over \$750.00 in the general funds on July 1. This money will be invested and the interest used for the scholarship.

ALPHA PSI WILL ENTERTAIN THIRTIETH CONVENTION

The Thirtieth National Convention will be held at Washington, Pennsylvania, on the invitation of Alpha Psi Chapter. Gamma and Gamma Xi Chapters also extended invitations but since a meeting has not been held in the East for some years, the Convention accepted Alpha Psi's invitation. Alpha Psi has been represented at both the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth National Conventions and it will be a great pleasure to be guests of the chapter next year. The date will be announced in the November issue of *THE NUNTIUS*.

MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION

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

Alpha: Professor Gertrude Smith

Beta: Barbara Gerhardt, Robert McClure, Benjamin I. Scott, and Professors E. L. Highbarger, Carl A. Roebuck, Stuart Small, and Grundy Steiner

Gamma: Nancy Gerhard, Carol Gerwig, Dorothy Pavkov, Eileen Wickline, Professor Paul R. Murphy

Theta: Shirley Lynch, Nancy Mountjoy

Lambda: Professor William H. Willis

Pi: Professor H. R. Butts

Alpha Eta: Farrand Baker, Mrs. Lois Ashton Larson

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Beta Kappa: Mary Carol Leonard, Zoe Mogil

Beta Xi: Kathleen Anglese, Mary Jo Boroshi, Mary Kathleen Cunningham, Nancy Little, Mary McDermott, Sister Mary Melchior

Beta Omicron: Marie Buban, Laura Empey, Jeanne Hoffmann, Marianne Jansen, Carol Kilgallen, Kay Marron, Carol Mayer, Margaret Schaefer, Sister Mary Dorothea

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Gamma Alpha: Ethel Hittle, Sandra McPheeters, Professor Gertrude Ewing

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Gamma Epsilon: Eleanor Babb, Michael Dunn, Ann Johnson, Orlee Stiles, Dean Ware, Professor J. P. Heironimus

Gamma Theta: Don W. Zacharias

Gamma Iota: Jack Stodghill, Professor Theodore Bedrick

Gamma Kappa: Don Myers, Ron Segedy, Professor Frank R. Kramer

Gamma Xi: Norma Wood

Gamma Omicron: Donn Dennison, Karen Hutchison, Professor Bernice Fox

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION

"The Twenty-ninth National Convention was thoroughly enjoyed by us, the delegates from Gamma Alpha Chapter. We would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to Beta Chapter as our host; the National Officers for all their work and for conducting the business sessions successfully; and the new officers who will be working and striving for a successful convention next year.

"We were impressed by the fraternal feeling of friendship that pervades each National Convention. Although we only meet for two days of every year, they are full, satisfying days. No one is left out. Being separated by many miles during the rest of the year does not hinder friendships in the least. In fact, there is a unifying factor in distance while discussing the activities of the chapters. The differences throughout the nation can be discussed and brought back to home chapters.

"It is this friendship at instant meeting that makes us proud to be members of Eta Sigma Phi and even prouder to have been delegates to the Convention. Already we are looking ahead to next year's convention with a pleasant anticipation. Our one regret is that all members of Eta Sigma Phi are unable to attend at least one convention while they are in college."

Ethel Hittle

Sandra McPheeters (Gamma Alpha)

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

The Executive Secretary would like to express his appreciation to Professor Grundy Steiner, Prytanis Robert McClure, and the members of Beta Chapter for the gracious hospitality which they extended to the members of the Twenty-ninth National Convention. All who attended the meeting are very grateful for the excellent arrangements which were made for our comfort.

An expression of appreciation is also in order to the members of the convention for the fine spirit in which the business of our fraternity was conducted. Eta Sigma Phi is proud of the fact that it is a student organization which is left in the hands of student officers and authorized delegates to national conventions with a minimum of direction from the members of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Secretary, who are available for advice and furnish continuity in matters of business and tradition. As in the past the delegates this year assumed their responsibilities gladly and gave sound opinions. Local chapters are also student organizations and we believe that much of the success of our fraternity is the result of student members having an opportunity to work out the programs of their chapters and then carry these

out. The advisers, however, are the ones who are responsible for the final success of the local chapters and the National Office is very grateful for the fine cooperations which it enjoys with them at all times.

LATIN TEACHERS NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

At the present time our country is faced with a serious shortage of teachers of Latin for our high schools. In the state of Indiana alone last year there were 410 calls for Latin teachers, 202 of which were unduplicated, and there were seven graduates from all schools who were qualified to teach Latin. Of the 400,000 students who study Latin in high school only a small percentage goes to college and few continue to study Latin for the purpose of teaching it. A very high percentage of the present Latin teachers is between the ages of 50 and 70 and some of these are retiring each year. Enrollments in Latin are increasing now and with the coming increase in enrollments more and more students will want to study Latin. In addition to this some schools are experimenting with Latin in the elementary school, following the lead of the modern languages. Professors William H. Willis, Gertrude Ewing, Ortha Wilner, and others discussed this problem with the delegates to the Twenty-ninth National Convention. Who is to replace the retiring Latin teachers and who is to fill the positions created by the increased enrollments? The best source of supply for these needed teachers is Eta Sigma Phi. The Editor urges the readers of *THE NUNTIUS* to give thought to this problem and consider the possibility of becoming a teacher of Latin. Also you might influence some of your friends to enter the Latin profession. It would be very unfortunate for the future of our country if Latin should disappear from the curriculum of more high schools because of lack of teachers.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR STOW

Professor H. Lloyd Stow of Vanderbilt University retired as a member of the Board of Trustees at the recent national convention. Although his name no longer appears as a Trustee, his advice and experience will be sought by the fraternity as in the past. Professor Stow has been a member of the fraternity almost from its beginning and his name appears in most Reports of the Secretary after his election as National Treasurer at the Fourth National Convention, when he was a student member of Alpha Chapter. He then served as National President, Executive Secretary, Adviser to several chapters, and Registrar of the Medals both before and while a member of the Board of Trustees. Under his guidance the medals were revised and the new medal for second-year students of Latin was introduced. At all times Professor Stow has upheld the high ideals of the fraternity and insisted upon maintaining the highest standards for it. It was quite fitting that the Resolutions Committee of the Twenty-ninth National Convention should commend his long service and regret that he will no longer be an officer of the fraternity. We express our appreciation for his past contributions but we also look forward to his continued interest in the prosperity of Eta Sigma Phi.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS

BETA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The major activity of Beta Chapter during this school year has been making plans for the Twenty-ninth National Convention and then carrying them out during the meeting itself. Robert McClure, Prytanis, and Professor Grundy Steiner, Adviser, were charged with the main responsibility of entertaining the delegates. Eighteen new members were initiated on April 11. The election of new officers takes place later in the year.

GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY

Gamma Chapter divided its activities during the year into two categories, community and cultural, in order to enlarge its vision of understanding, according to the report of Ruth Chastain, Secretary. As the community part of the project the chapter gave a special Christmas party for children from the Athens' County Children's Home. As a stimulus to the study of the Classics the chapter is presenting a copy of *The Legacy of Rome* to the outstanding high school student of Latin in the home school of each graduating member of the local chapter. The regular meetings have included talks by faculty members of the Departments of Classics and of Fine Arts. The new members have been reading the *Alcestis*. The May meeting will include a banquet for the new initiates, and the election and installation of officers. Professor Paul Murphy, Adviser, recently furnished the National Office with copies of Alumni rolls of many chapters which were on file at Ohio University.

LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Eight new members were initiated by Lambda Chapter on March 12, so that the present membership of the chapter is fourteen active, five associate, and thirteen honorary members. Professor Evelyn Way, who was away from the campus during the first semester because of illness, has returned and is advising the chapter again. Dr. Allen Cabaniss was the speaker at the April meeting and Professor Alexander Cambitoglou will speak to the May meeting on Greek vases. Lambda Chapter feels that it has increased its prestige on the campus this year by taking a half page in the annual.

PI, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Roy Wells, Prytanis, and Pierre Burns of Pi Chapter were elected to Phi Beta Kappa this spring. Both of these and several other members of the chapter will attend graduate school next year. Five new members have been initiated during this quarter. At the initiation meeting the members followed the ceremony carefully and discussed changes which the chapter will propose during the coming study of the ritual. Following its regular custom the chapter will conclude its activities for the year with its picnic, at which the officers for the new year are elected. The chapter will present eight Eta Sigma Phi medals in local high schools this year.

ALPHA NU CHAPTER, DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Alpha Nu Chapter was reorganized on February 11, at which time eighteen members were initiated. Although the chapter was not granted official permission to reactivate until the recent National Convention, the Executive Secretary allowed the chapter to begin its activities in February. John B. Trotti is the Prytanis of

Alpha Nu Chapter and Dr. George Labban of the Department of Greek is the Adviser. All members should be pleased to learn that Alpha Nu is again an active chapter and we wish it success in the future.

ALPHA PI, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Jane C. Bannister, Secretary, reports an active year for Alpha Pi Chapter. Eighteen students were initiated at the October meeting. Professor Bruno Meinecke, visiting professor at Gettysburg this year, was the speaker at the banquet which honored the new members. At the April meeting Professor Meinecke played his violin concerto which was inspired by the *Aeneid*. Mr. Robert Held gave an illustrated address on Athens in November and the Dead Sea Scrolls were the topic of discussion at the February meeting. Ada Lou Kreider, Prytanis, and other officers were elected at the February meeting.

ALPHA PHI, MILLSAPS COLLEGE

Professor A. P. Hamilton, Adviser of Alpha Phi Chapter, has been honored by the members of the chapter, according to the Jackson, Mississippi, *Clairon-Ledger*. The Alfred Porter Hamilton Medal will be awarded annually to students of Murrah High School who excel in the study of Latin. This is a fitting and well-deserved tribute to Professor Hamilton, who has been at Millsaps College since 1917 and is loved and admired not only by his students but also by his fellow classicists.

ALPHA CHI, TULANE UNIVERSITY

Ten new members were initiated by Alpha Chi Chapter in February and one was initiated later. Professor Graydon W. Regenos, Advisor, explained the fraternity jewelry following the initiation and many of the new members purchased insignia. At the time of his last report John Hantel, Corresponding Secretary of the chapter, was looking forward to the April meeting, when the members were to visit the home of one of the city's outstanding collectors of rare books to examine his rare editions of authors of the Classics.

ALPHA PSI, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE

Alpha Psi Chapter is extremely proud that one of its alumni and a present member of its faculty, Mr. Donald R. Laing, Jr., was awarded the first Eta Sigma Phi scholarship. There was at least one member of the chapter entered in each of the Eta Sigma Phi Contests this year and some entered more than one. Before the close of the year a team from the membership of the chapter will go to the high schools in the city to talk to the students about the Classics. Frank L. Lazor, chapter reporter, and Richard L. Brown, retiring National Treasurer, plan to attend graduate school next year, but they have promised to be on hand to assist in entertaining the Thirtieth National Convention.

BETA ALPHA, STATE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Tom Moore, new National Treasurer and local treasurer of Beta Alpha Chapter, made a deep impression upon the delegates to the recent National Convention when he read the report which he and Mary Ruth Lang, Vice-president, presented of the activities of the chapter, including the "pet project," which is building a fund for an Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship for Beta Alpha Chapter. The chapter has raised \$500, which is now invested in bonds, the half-way mark toward its goal of

\$1000. The scholarship will be presented annually to the student of Classics who is judged most deserving by the members of the chapter. The members are very enthusiastic about this project and have been successful in raising money by rummage sales, having booths at all-campus events, and in other ways.

But the activities of the chapter are by no means confined to this single project, for much emphasis is given to special events which are intended to further the study of Latin in high school. Professor Grace L. Beede, Adviser, and two of the officers participated in the state meeting of the Junior Classical League and presented a traveling plaque to the school publishing the best *JCL Bulletin*. Each year awards of gold, silver, and bronze medals are presented in an Essay Contest sponsored by the chapter. Also this year the chapter is offering to furnish transportation for state delegates to the national JCL convention in Denver in August. Beta Alpha Chapter sponsors Latin Week in the state and awards a traveling trophy, a gold Lamp of Learning, to the school which submits the best report of its Latin Week activities.

Each spring the State University of South Dakota is host to the Midwest Youth Conference for high school Seniors. At this time Beta Alpha holds open house in the department and has displays of rare books, ancient coins, and other exhibits of special interest to prospective students of the Classics at the University.

BETA THETA, HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

Beta Theta Chapter has enjoyed a "roaring year," to quote Douglas Houck, Secretary. A large part of the success has been due to the chapter's sponsorship of motion pictures of a classical nature. Lobby displays of ancient coins, manuscripts, and objects d'art attracted great interest at these events, which were well attended. Eight new members were initiated on February 21. According to custom the initiates donned togas and read from Homer and Vergil before the Arts Building, an event made more memorable this year by the rain.

BETA KAPPA, COLLEGE OF NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND

Beta Kappa Chapter takes advantage of the many cultural activities of Baltimore for its programs. The documentary film *Greece*, sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America, opened the October program, which was followed by the annual dinner. The chapter shared the exhibits and lectures at the Walters Art Gallery, such as "Cities and their Public Squares," "St. Mark's in Venice," and "The Campidoglio in Rome," and the archaeological lectures at Johns Hopkins University on Mycenae, Paestum, Lycia. Mary Carol Leonard, Prytanis, says that the members also participated in a feast of drama, the *Oresteia* at Catholic University, *Oedipus Rex* by the Stratford Players of Ontario, and the film version of the *Oresteia* as presented at Randolph-Macon. Meetings are held twice a month, at which the members also present programs. Mary Carol Leonard talked on Mythology in November and Zoe Mogil on Lucretius in February. The final meeting of the year will be the election of officers in May and an illustrated talk on "Japan and its People" by one of the associate members who has spent three years in the Orient. The chapter conferred six Eta Sigma Phi medals for excellence in Latin on the winners of a

translation contest sponsored by the Baltimore Classical Club. The expenses of the two delegates to the meeting in Evanston were paid by the chapter through making and selling leather articles.

BETA LAMBDA, MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

Beta Lambda continued its program of films during recent months. "Flight into Time," which pictures Greece, was sponsored in a general assembly in March and the filmstrip "Athens," prepared by *Life* was shown and discussed in April. This filmstrip was prepared by Margaret Scherer of the Department of Education of the Metropolitan Museum and many of the photographs were taken especially for *Life* by Dmitri Kessel. The film may be secured from Life Filmstrips, 9 Rockefeller Place, New York. Sister Marie Antoinette, Adviser of chapter, presented a paper on "Recapturing the Wisdom of the Humanities" at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of Kansas and Western Missouri. The traditional Roman Banquet will close the activities of the chapter in May. The banquet meeting is entirely Roman, including togas, Latin menu, and even Latin conversation.

BETA MU, BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Barbara Irwin, Secretary, reports that Beta Mu initiated four new members on March 18. The initiation was held at the home of Professor Vergil E. Hiatt, Head of the Department of Classical Languages at Butler and Adviser of the chapter. Professor Hiatt showed colored slides of the ruins of Pompeii following the ceremony and Mrs. Hiatt very graciously served refreshments.

BETA XI, ROSARY COLLEGE

A major activity of Beta Xi Chapter is its annual Sinsinawa Latin Contest. This contest is sponsored by the chapter and there are entrants from all schools where Sisters of the Order teach, many of them from distant states. There are contests for Latin I, Latin II, and Latin III, in which the students compete for gold, silver, and bronze pins. The contestants are sometimes chosen by a preliminary contest but this year the teachers will name the students who are to participate. At the same time Senior Latin students who have been named as outstanding Seniors by their teachers come to the campus of Rosary College to receive the Eta Sigma Phi medal. This year the Contest will be held on May 11, when the students of the Department of Dramatic Arts will present their spring play in honor of the contestants and the awards will be made following this in the Recital Hall. Sister M. Melchior, Moderator of Beta Xi Chapter, who is in charge of the contests, urges the teachers to see that public notice is given to the winners in their respective schools at graduation and on honors day.

Four active members were initiated in February. The chapter has a policy of initiating students from Greece or Italy as honorary members. This year a student from Italy was honored. Eight members of the chapter entered the Eta Sigma Phi Contests.

BETA OMICRON, MOUNT MARY COLLEGE

Beta Omicron Chapter was represented by a large group of members at the recent National Convention. The members of this chapter are especially enthusiastic about Eta Sigma Phi and much of this feeling is doubtless the result of the interesting programs which the

members enjoy. "An Hour with Plato," was the program for March 6 and on March 10, when four active and two honorary members were initiated, Margaret Schaefer, recently elected National Vice-President, gave a program of flute selections. The officers of Beta Sigma Chapter were guests at this meeting. April 14 was the date of the Eta Sigma Phi Medal Contest for second and fourth year high school students from the Milwaukee area. Three medals are awarded for Sophomores and three for Seniors and a scholarship is awarded to the girl who ranks highest in the competitive examination in the senior division. A Classical Banquet on May 2 at the Black Steer, an elegant cafe on the outskirts of Milwaukee, concluded the years activities. Vergil's poetry of field and farm was the theme for decorations, entertainment, etc., at this banquet.

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Ann Westervelt, Secretary of Beta Pi Chapter, reports that Beta Pi Chapter is coming along fine and is making plans for the future of the chapter, which has recently taken on new life under the direction of its Adviser, Mrs. Mary Henbest. Seven active and one honorary member were initiated on February 28.

BETA SIGMA, MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Beta Sigma Chapter introduced a "first" recently by holding a "get-acquainted" party for its pledges. Mary Ann Siderits, Recording Secretary, says that the party was kept simple and informal, with small talk, refreshments, charades based on classical subjects, and name tags: pillars for the actives and Trojan horses for the pledges. Mary Jo Cusack, Prytanis, explained the purpose and ideals of Eta Sigma Phi at the end.

The members of the chapter are visiting the Latin Clubs in the various high schools and attempting to interest the students in the study of the Classics and Eta Sigma Phi. The annual farewell party for Seniors will be held in May. The chapter is interested in sponsoring a convocation for the entire University and would like to find a competent speaker. If any chapter has suggestions about such a speaker, the chapter would appreciate receiving them.

BETA TAU, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Beta Tau Chapter is again rejoicing in the fact that the National Prytanis of the fraternity is a member of its chapter. In February the chapter was host to Georgetown University's annual Horace contest, in which outstanding students were invited to show their proficiency in the Odes of Horace before a panel of guest examiners. J. Dennis Duffy, a Freshman from Louisville, Kentucky, was the winner this year. The annual high school translation contest will be held on May 11, to which forty-five schools were invited. A group of Freshmen Latin students from the class of Mr. Thomas E. Ambrogio, Moderator of the chapter, presented a public specimen in the entire *Aeneid* before a panel of six visiting professors on May 19.

Members of Gamma Xi Chapter were guests of the chapter on April 2 at dinner and enjoyed Ray Garner's film *Greece*. A large number of students from the department attended the showing of the film also. Reverend William F. Lynch, former editor of *Thought* magazine and a member of the Department of English at Georgetown, spoke to the chapter on March 21.

GAMMA ALPHA, INDIANA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

As part of its program of publicizing the need for Latin teachers the members of Gamma Alpha Chapter assist their Adviser, Professor Gertrude Ewing, Chairman of the Indiana Joint College-High School Latin Recruitment Committee. Recently the chapter assisted in distributing material for the committee. The chapter helps also in the advertising on radio, television, and school and city newspapers. As part of this same program the chapter presents Eta Sigma Phi medals and certificates of achievement in the high school in nearby communities. Three new members have been initiated during the year and eight students have been pledged. The chapter holds some meetings with the Latin Club, at one of which the members enjoyed a fried chicken supper. The culmination of the year, according to Ethel Hittel, will be the annual spaghetti supper given by Professor Ewing. At this meeting the graduating Seniors are honored and new officers are elected.

GAMMA GAMMA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

Gamma Gamma Chapter is editing *Angelia*, the news bulletin of the chapters of the state of Wisconsin. Most of the meetings are held at the home of Dr. Ortha Wilner, Adviser. The chapter cooperates with the practice teaching project of Secondary Education by conducting translation contests in the suburban schools. Two medals will be awarded this year, as in years past, to the winners from second and fourth year Latin.

GAMMA EPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

It is the honor of Gamma Epsilon Chapter to be host to the annual State Meeting of Eta Sigma Phi Chapters of Wisconsin this year for the second time. The chapter also is contributing to *Angelia*. The chapter enjoys the benefits of the large and active Department of Classics at the University of Wisconsin and the local chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America and attends lectures which are sponsored by these on the campus. This year they have heard discussions of Mycenae, Tacitus, and Etruscan Art by scholars of international reputation, such as Ronald Syme, according to the report of Michael Dunn, Prytanis. A major activity of the chapter is its rental service of slides.

GAMMA KAPPA, HEIDELBERG COLLEGE

The initiation of eight new members was one of the most significant activities of Gamma Kappa in recent months. Ronald Segedy, Prytanis, gives an interesting report of the activities of the first semester of the year: "The theme was the daily life of the ancient world. Beginning with an overall view, we turned to the study of dress (to beguile the feminine element) and to the private worship of the Greeks and Romans. The series was concluded with a presentation on Greek athletics." The programs were supplemented with slides and pictures. The program for the second semester dealt with "The Classical Heritage" in England, Germany, France, and Spain.

GAMMA LAMBDA, SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Under the leadership of its Prytanis Robert Stamschror Gamma Lambda Chapter has made every effort to promote interest in the Classics "both by example and word of mouth. By example the members have maintained high standards of scholastic achievement, by word of mouth

and pen we have succeeded in carrying out a diocesan Latin Contest" to quote from the report of Richard de Grood, Secretary. Four major schools in the area participated in the contest and a trophy and medal were awarded. The National Office received a copy of the test which was used in the Contest and found it very interesting. The chapter would appreciate comments on its test, if any chapter cares to request a copy and give its opinion.

Five new members will be initiated on May 15 and the chapter plans a banquet. Brother H. Patrick, Moderator of the chapter, is exchanging places with a Christian Brother from Ecuador for the coming year. Dr. Leo Ochrymowycz will teach Classics at Saint Mary's during the absence of Brother Patrick. All wish Brother Patrick a pleasant experience in his new work, and hope that he will be able to return soon to Gamma Lambda Chapter, which has enjoyed his guidance and leadership since its beginning.

GAMMA XI, HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Almost the entire chapter report made by Mrs. Norma Wood at Evanston is copied here because of its significance: Gamma Xi has spent the better part of this year in organization and planning. It took as its major purpose the establishment of a classical museum at Howard University. This project is a joint effort of Gamma Xi and the Classical Club. The University has assigned space for the museum in the new Fine Arts Building, which will be started within a year. For guidance and assistance in this project, Gamma Xi called upon the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, which sent one of its curators to discuss plans, procedures, the availability of materials, and expenses. In addition to

the guest speaker from the Smithsonian Institute, the retired head of the Foreign Language Department of the Washington Public Schools spoke to the group on the purposes of an honorary fraternity and the contributions it should make to the campus and its members. One of the memorable meetings of the year was held at the home of the faculty adviser, Mrs. Sylvia Gerber, where the group had an opportunity to hear and discuss recordings in Latin of selections from various Roman authors. Immediate plans of Gamma Xi are concerned with a trip to the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore during May, the establishment of a pledge club, and the arrangement of an annual classical contest in the local high schools. In addition to such activities and plans the chapter is proud of the activities of its members. Two were elected to Phi Beta Kappa last year and now have responsible positions. The chapter will initiate new members in May.

GAMMA OMICRON, MONMOUTH COLLEGE

Gamma Omicron Chapter has prepared a set of by-laws during the year and acquired the paraphernalia for initiation ceremonies, which have been used in initiating twelve new members. The chapter plans to award second-year medals in two local high schools. The May meeting will be an open meeting with a program based on examples of Greek and Roman literature reflecting the comic spirit. The chapter is attempting to attract incoming students into the Department of Classics by sending to every freshman who has done satisfactory work in two years of high school Latin a brochure and a personal letter about the offerings of the department. Three newsletters were distributed during the year to alumni of the department.

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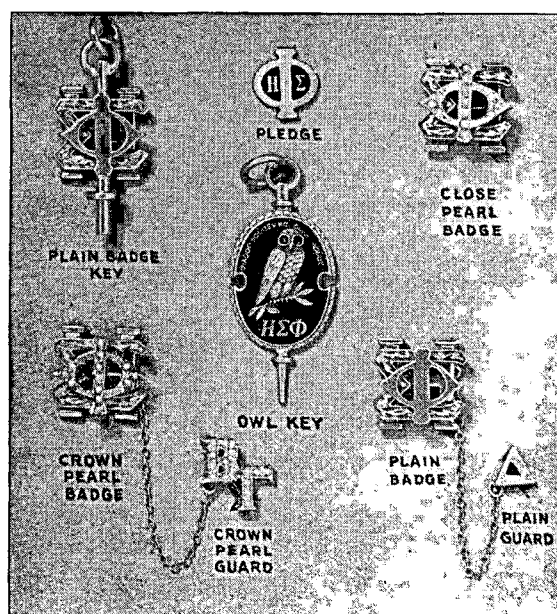
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