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RECORD-BREAKING REPRESENTATION AT THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION

Thirty-one chapters were represented at the Thirty-first National Convention at Saint Louis University, April 24 and 25. Thirty of these were represented by active members, which breaks the record set at the Twenty-sixth National Convention, also held in Saint Louis, where thirty-one chapters were represented but only twenty-seven of these by active members. The total attendance at this convention was second only to that of the Twenty-ninth Convention, held in Evanston, Illinois, where there were eighty-two compared to the seventy-seven who registered in Saint Louis. In every way the Thirty-first was a record convention because of the excellent program, the superb hospitality of the host chapter, and the enthusiasm of the delegates. Father Francis C. Hunleth, S. J., and Professor William C. Korfmacher, Advisers of Beta Zeta Chapter, and the members of the Chapter had anticipated every need of the convention and every comfort of the delegates to such a degree that one might say that the arrangements were perfect. All meetings on Friday were held on the campus of Saint Louis University with Chouteau House as the headquarters and on Saturday the sessions were conducted in the Alexander Room of the Pick-Melbourne Hotel. Megas Prytanis David L. Biddle presided at all sessions with the assistance of the other national officers.

Professor Korfmacher opened the convention by welcoming the delegates and presenting the Reverend J. Barry McGannon, S. J., Assistant to the President of Saint Louis University, who brought greetings to the members of the convention and spoke of the significance of the study of the Classics. Thus began a very busy convention for the delegates. The regular business of the convention, a tour of Shaw's Gardens, three illustrated lectures, a complimentary luncheon, the annual subscription banquet with a clever demonstration of magic by Mr. Curtis Van Del, S. J., of Saint Louis University, and a social hour filled the first day except for those who had committee meetings late Friday night. The demonstration of the Vatican Microfilms by Dr. Chauncey E. Finch of Saint Louis University, the lecture on *Palmyra—Queen City of the Desert* by the Reverend Claude H. Heithaus, S. J., of Saint Louis University, and the evening lecture on *Pompeii and Its Life and Art* by the Reverend Raymond V. Schoder, S. J., of West Baden College, were interesting, beautifully illustrated, and instructive. On Saturday Mr. Harry C. Rutledge, a member of Alpha Tau Chapter at Ohio State

University and the Eta Sigma Phi Scholar at the American Academy in Rome last summer, told of his appreciation of the Scholarship and gave the delegates some idea of the rich experience he enjoyed in his address *Italian Summer — 1958*. The session on Saturday morning was the most enthusiastic and eventful with the discussion of the revision of the Ritual and the election of new officers.

NEW OFFICERS

After a spirited election the following officers were chosen to direct the Fraternity during the coming year:

Megas Prytanis: Franklin Lotter, Gamma Gamma Chapter, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Megas Hyparchos: Charles W. Johnson, Gamma Alpha Chapter, Indiana State Teachers College

Megas Grammateus: Lynn McGaan, Gamma Omicron Chapter, Monmouth College

Megas Chrysophylax: Douglas C. Burger, Alpha Upsilon Chapter, The College of Wooster

We extend our congratulations to the new officers and pledge them our wholehearted cooperation and support.

RETIRING OFFICERS

The retiring officers have served our Fraternity faithfully and in many ways showed more originality and interest in the work of Eta Sigma Phi than many past officers. The Executive Secretary would like to take this opportunity to thank David L. Biddle, Richard A. Matzek, Sue Davenport, and Michael Durfee for their work and wish them success in the future.

THE RITUAL

At the Thirtieth National Convention it was voted to revise the Ritual of Eta Sigma Phi and Megas Grammateus Sue Davenport was appointed as the Chairman of the Committee on Revision. During the year Sue worked very faithfully at the revision and brought to the convention the results of her labors. There was considerable discussion of the revision but progress was slow. A motion was made that the present Ritual be retained without revision but this motion lost by a vote of 28 to 30. It was then moved, and passed, that the revision

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be returned to the committee. Accordingly, there will be further study of this during the coming year and action will again be considered at the Thirty-second National Convention.

THE THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION

Washington, D. C., has been selected as the site of the Thirty-second National Convention with Beta Tau Chapter of Georgetown University as host. Gamma Xi Chapter of Howard University will assist Beta Tau. The date will be announced later when it has been possible to find a time convenient for both the host chapter and the Fraternity.

CONVENTION BUSINESS

Psi Chapter at Vanderbilt University was returned to the roll of active chapters by unanimous vote of the delegates. No new charters were granted since the petitions which had been received were not favorably approved by the Grand Executive Council. The amendment which had been passed at the last national convention was read a second time and passed unanimously as printed in the May 1958 and March 1959 issues of *THE NUNTIUS*. Disciplinary action was not taken against any chapter inasmuch as all are now complying with the regulations of the Constitution.

MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION

The delegates, visitors, and advisers present at the Thirty-first National Convention are listed below with the names of the delegates printed first.

Beta, Northwestern University: Diane Batson

Gamma, Ohio University: Michael Durfee, Prof. Paul R. Murphy

Epsilon, State University of Iowa: Patricia Stallard, Nancy Sussman, Mrs. Lillian C. Nelson

Theta, Indiana University: Homer Lee Elliott, Dixie Potter

Lambda, University of Mississippi: Nona Short

Pi, Birmingham-Southern College: Oliver Clark, Jack C. Phillips, Harold Pickel, Prof. H. R. Butts

Tau, University of Kentucky: Sue Davenport

Alpha Delta, Agnes Scott College: Marlin Day

Alpha Tau, Ohio State University: Harry C. Rutledge

Alpha Upsilon, College of Wooster: Douglas C. Burger

Alpha Chi, Tulane University: Eldon E. Fallon, John W. Ogle, Jr., Ross Jones, David Meeker, Prof. Graydon W. Regenos

Alpha Psi, Washington and Jefferson College: David L. Biddle

Beta Alpha, State University of South Dakota: Odessa Lang, Jeremiah Reedy

Beta Delta, University of Tennessee: June Hencely, Charles Wagner, James Porter Martin, Mr. Richard L. Brown

Beta Zeta, Saint Louis University: Mary Louise Elder, Lawrence Giangrande, Bill Buchan, Joseph A. Janis, Jr., Linda Reynolds, Dr. Chauncey E. Finch, Father

Francis C. Hunleth, S. J., Prof. William C. Korfmacher
Beta Kappa, College of Notre Dame of Maryland: Zoe McGill

Beta Lambda, Marymount College: Janet Hench, Sister Marie Antoinette

Beta Xi, Rosary College: Janet Flick, Virginia Beverly Magic, Mary Prendergast

Beta Omicron, Mount Mary College: Monica Josten, Leonore Westfahl, Sister M. Isaac Joques, S.S.N.D.

Beta Pi, University of Arkansas: John Howard Morris, John Louis Saunders, Bryon Eugene Oury, Drew Walls, Prof. M. L. Henbest

Beta Sigma, Marquette University: Richard Matzek

Beta Tau, Georgetown University: Robert E. Donovan, Mr. William V. Dych, S. J.

Beta Upsilon, Marshall College: Thomas D. Clay, Laura Jane Cox, Pat Lordeon, Prof. Lucy A. Whitsel

Gamma Alpha, Indiana State Teachers College: Anna Booe, Charles Johnson, Garry Smith, Jacqueline Starr, Prof. Gertrude Ewing

Gamma Gamma, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Franklin Lotter, John W. Nesbitt

Gamma Iota, Wabash College: Bill McPherson

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Gamma Xi, Howard University: Samuel B. Davis

Gamma Omicron, Monmouth College: Joan Conner, Lynn McGaan, Barbara Coleman, Prof. Bernice Fox

Gamma Rho, Hope College: Myron J. Kaufman, Bruce M. Parsil

Gamma Tau, Mississippi College: James G. Crowson, Luke Platt, Prof. Thomas T. Boswell

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The members of the Board of Trustees met twice during the month of April. On Friday night, April 3, during the convention of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, all members of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Secretary met to discuss the Fraternity and the investments. Professor William H. Willis, retiring Chairman, presided at this meeting. It was decided that on the tenth anniversary of the Eta Sigma Phi Contests Professor William C. Korfmacher, who has served as Chairman of the Contests since their inception, should be given more assistance in the contests which he has been administering without help from the Fraternity. Professors Gertrude Ewing and Paul R. Murphy were added to the Committee, which Professor Korfmacher will continue to head. It is planned to hold the Contests at about the same time each year but the contests will be announced earlier in order to give a longer period for writing the essay. The contests will be judged by a different group of judges each year in order to give more people a part in the work of the contests and these will be the

members of a Department of Classics at selected colleges and universities. At this meeting, it was decided to recommend Professor Norman T. Pratt, Jr., Chairman of the Department of Classics at Indiana University, Editor of *THE CLASSICAL JOURNAL*, and a member of Theta Chapter, to the delegates of the Thirty-first National Convention to succeed Professor William H. Willis, who has served three terms and so is ineligible for reelection.

Professor William C. Korfmacher entertained the members of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Secretary on Friday night, April 24, during the Thirty-first National Convention. At this meeting Professor Graydon W. Regenos of Alpha Chi Chapter, former Executive Secretary, was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Following his election Professor Regenos presided at the meeting, where the investments were discussed and consideration was given to expanding the number of chapters of the Fraternity.

The members of the Board were pleased that the delegates to the Thirty-first National Convention unanimously approved the election of Professor Pratt and the reelection of Professor Paul R. Murphy. Professor Pratt had indicated his willingness to serve prior to his election in Saint Louis and would have attended the convention if previous commitments had not prevented. Your Executive Secretary is pleased to report that the harmony of our Board of Trustees will continue with its new member under the chairmanship of Professor Regenos. Our Fraternity is indeed fortunate in having such a competent Board of Trustees who give of their time so generously.

PROFESSOR WILLIS RETIRES FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Professor William H. Willis, Chairman of the Department of Classics, University of Mississippi, and a member of Lambda Chapter, has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for three terms and so must retire under our present rules. During a great part of the time he has served as the Chairman of the Board. Under his capable leadership the Fraternity has advanced and grown. Through his knowledge of finances the Endowment Fund of the Fraternity has been wisely invested and increased through the larger interest gained thereby. The Scholarship Program, which was suggested by Professor Graydon W. Regenos when he was Executive Secretary, has become a reality through the work of Professors Willis and Regenos, and the Scholarship to Rome was made possible through Professor Willis' diplomacy. His tactful approach to several faculties has added new chapters and revived inactive ones. This is to mention only a few of the many contributions

KLORIS DRESSLER SCHOLAR TO ATHENS



Kloris Dressler, an alumna of Beta Upsilon Chapter, Marshall College, is the recipient of the Third Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship and will study at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens during the summer of 1959. A native of Hinton, West Virginia, Miss Dressler was graduated from Hinton High School in 1954, attended Marshall College in Huntington, West Virginia, where she majored in Latin and English, and was granted the degree of A. B. in January 1958. She was graduated *magna cum laude*. She is now teaching Latin at Hinton High School. The following is copied from her letter to your editor: "I've certainly found my life's work, because I love teaching and hope to be doing this for many years. It has been an ambition of mine to travel abroad, because then I shall be able to give my students some first-hand information. My students are delighted, too, about the trip. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity Eta Sigma Phi has given me since I would not have been able to go so soon had it not been for the scholarship." We wish Miss Dressler "Bon Voyage", and a very enjoyable summer in Athens. Professor Lucy Whitsel of Marshall College will be in Europe this summer and she and Miss Dressler may travel together part of the summer either before or after the Summer Session of the American School.

which Professor Willis has made to the Fraternity. Since he is a distinguished scholar, his membership on our Board of Trustees has added to the prestige of Eta Sigma Phi. Your Executive Secretary has enjoyed his advice, association and cooperation through the past four years. We speak for all members of the Fraternity in saying "Thank you for a job well done," to Professor William H. Willis and we all look forward to his counsel and support in an unofficial capacity.

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AMONG THE CHAPTERS

In this issue the following section of *THE NUNTIUS* has been edited, for the most part, from the chapter reports which were presented at the Thirty-first National Convention. When it has been possible, these reports are given in the words of the reporter and when they were signed, the author is noted at the end.

BETA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

At present Beta Chapter has twenty-eight active members and hopes to initiate approximately twenty new members on May 12. Operating on an extremely small budget, we will award Eta Sigma Phi medals to outstanding Latin students in our local high schools. We have purchased chapter stationery and sent a delegate to the national convention. Last year we recommended by a letter to the president that we favored less secrecy in the initiation ceremony. This year we offer another resolution. We recommend that the president appoint a committee to compile an information booklet

which could be distributed to new initiates. (This booklet is already being worked on by the National Office and will be available as soon as the material can be compiled.)—*Diane Batson*

DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE

Delta Chapter has not been very active this year, since its membership has been so small. Mrs. Margaret Taylor Walden, an alumna of the chapter who lives near Franklin, has continued her interest in the chapter and has pledged two new members, who will be initiated soon, and plans to initiate some more members before the end of the year or early next fall. She will help them plan their new activities in the fall also. The Fraternity and the National Office are very grateful to Mrs. Walden for her generous efforts in behalf of the Fraternity and Delta Chapter.

THETA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

On December 6, 1958 Theta Chapter held a short business meeting. The adviser of the chapter, Dr. Verne Schuman, showed slides of his recent trip to Rome, Greece, Egypt, and the Middle East. Then over refreshments the members visited with each other. On April 22 the chapter held a short business meeting in which two delegates were chosen for the National Convention. Plans were also made for the coming banquet.—*Homer Elliott*

LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

In October Lambda Chapter was co-host with the University of Mississippi to the North Mississippi Classical Conference, attended by more than three hundred high school Latin students. Members of the chapter served as guides and Prytanis Paul Tudor Jones spoke briefly to the students, describing Eta Sigma Phi. Programs for regular meetings have been of two types. We have had members of the Department of Classics as guest speakers at two meetings, and at the remainder, students have reported on classical periodicals assigned to them for the year, giving a short description of the periodical and a discussion of one or more articles of interest to the group. A banquet to be held on May 5 is planned for the final meeting of the year, at which officers for next year will be elected, and Dr. Donald Baker, Assistant Professor of English and an honorary member of the chapter, will be guest speaker.—*Nona Short.*

TAU, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

This report is from a letter by Margaret M. Sweeney, Prytanis, to the National Office: "Things, so to speak, have been popping at Tau Chapter. My fondest dream when I took office this year was to make Eta Sigma Phi known and recognized on the campus. The first step to this goal was a credit lecture series which I have gotten under way. Now toward the end of my term I feel justly rewarded for the faith which I placed in such a program. Tau Chapter and Eta Sigma Phi are more widely known by both faculty and students. On the social front, Tau Chapter has also made strides.

In December we held the first annual dinner. Dues were used to defray the cost of the affair. The dinner was a grand success and everyone was delighted. Plans are now being made for our spring picnic. Initiation and pledging will take place on April 9. We are also planning to present our annual award to the outstanding sophomore in Ancient Languages on that occasion. Another innovation has been wrought this semester. Since each year Tau Chapter presents medals to the outstanding Ancient Language students in all local high schools, I have felt that it would be beneficial to have a member who was graduated from the school to award the honors."

OMEGA, THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

The following are excerpts from a letter of Lynn Everard, Grammateus of Omega Chapter: "Omega Chapter has been enjoying an active year. We have been joined by two members of the Ancient Languages Department, Dr. Leon Golden and Dr. Talbot Selby. Our programs have included an annual reception for Latin and Greek students, a lecture by Dr. Selby on "The Classical Influence in the Italian Renaissance," and a talk by Dr. Golden on "Greek Education." New members were initiated in April. This spring we plan to award a medal to the outstanding Latin student at the James Blair High School. We are considering making a similar award to an outstanding Classics student at the College. At present we are undertaking a project to encourage more students to enter the teaching profession in the field of Latin. Eta Sigma Phi members, together with other Latin students, are writing to all the superintendents of schools of Virginia, asking them to complete an enclosed form stating such information as number of positions available, starting salaries, etc. When the questionnaires are returned, the committee will compile the data and distribute the information through the campus."

ALPHA DELTA, AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

Alpha Delta Chapter has held regular meetings twice each month during the year. The programs have consisted of discussions led by members on Roman poetry, including the works of Catullus, Horace, Ovid, and Propertius. For one program members were privileged to attend a lecture by Dr. Gertrude Smith, Honorary President of Eta Sigma Phi, on "The Role of Greek Tragedy in Ancient Athenian Life." The activities of Alpha Delta Chapter, in addition to the regular study-meetings, were co-sponsorship (with the campus dramatics club) of the showing of the film of the Canadian production of *Oedipus Rex*, and participation in the campus Activities Fair.—*Marlin Day*

ALPHA OMICRON, LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Professor Maurice P. Cunningham, Adviser of Alpha Omicron Chapter, reports that in January Professor William Chaney read a paper on *Aurum Coronarium*, and recently the chapter enjoyed an evening of pictures,

using among other things a set of slides on "Rome" which the chapter rented from Gamma Epsilon Chapter of the University of Wisconsin (see ad in November 1958 *NUNTIUS*). Alpha Omicron Chapter initiated twelve new members on March 11.

ALPHA UPSILON, THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

This year has been one of the most active Alpha Upsilon Chapter has had. The chapter is sponsoring a Drama Reading Group this year, whose bimonthly meetings are designed to interest non-classics students. Classical and modern plays are read in English and compared. We have all been very well pleased with the success of this program. In a week or two Alpha Upsilon is going to revive an old custom. For the first time in several years we are going to have a spring banquet. Mr. A. R. Burn of Glasgow, Scotland, who has been a visiting professor at Wooster this year, has consented to be the speaker. This year has been very successful for Alpha Upsilon and we hope that we shall be able to continue this success in years to come.

—*Douglas C. Burger*

ALPHA CHI, TULANE UNIVERSITY

Two meetings have been held since the last report to the *NUNTIUS*. At the first Dr. Hubbard, Dean of Newcomb College, spoke on the comparative systems of education in Russia, England, and the United States. At the other meeting, Professor Renee Lang of the French Department discussed the influence of the Classics on French Literature. The announcements of the chapter's meetings have been enhanced this year by several large posters depicting classical scenes. These were done by a Newcomb Art School graduate as a contribution to our chapter. In addition a picture of the members and a small article on the purposes of Eta Sigma Phi will appear in Tulane's 1959 Yearbook. Lastly, over \$100.00 has been spent by the members in the purchase of Eta Sigma Phi pins and keys.

—*John W. Ogle, Jr.*

ALPHA OMEGA, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Your editor is pleased to quote the following from a letter by Evangeline M. Tower, Grammateus of Alpha Omega Chapter: "The membership and interest in Eta Sigma Phi for the past few years have waned, but we here in Alpha Omega Chapter are happy to inform the national organization that nine new members were initiated on April 8, at which time the election of new officers took place. Also another initiation has been planned for April 30, at which time we hope to take in the approximate number as before. Profound interest in Eta Sigma Phi is being revived. We're definitely getting back on our own two feet again."

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Beta Alpha Chapter will have a page in the *Coyote*, University Yearbook, with a group picture and statement about the fraternity. The making and sale of "taverns"

has replenished the treasury as well as provided a social get-together among actives and pledges. It is the custom to enjoy a buffet supper at the time of pledging and initiation each year in the home of our faculty sponsor, Dr. Grace Beede. In memory of its first faculty sponsor, Beta Alpha Chapter grants an academic prize each year for excellence in Greek, from the income on "E" Bonds accumulated over a period of years. The chapter has also made a \$25.00 contribution to the Endowment Fund. The main activity of Beta Alpha Chapter this year has been a program to foster the study of Latin in the high schools of South Dakota. It conducted a state-wide Latin essay contest with awards of three medals. It also sponsors a state-wide Latin Week observance. Beta Alpha will hold an open house for high school students visiting the campus for the large Midwest Youth Conference. Chapter representatives attended and gave talks before the state convention of Junior Classical League chapters and is sponsoring their state vice-president as a delegate to the national convention in August.

—Odessa Lang

BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Interest in Eta Sigma Phi on the campus of the University of Tennessee has been renewed by the new sponsor of Beta Delta Chapter, Mr. Richard L. Brown, former Megas Chrysophylax of Eta Sigma Phi and now an Instructor at the University of Tennessee. Twenty-one members have been initiated into Beta Delta Chapter and the chapter was represented at the National Convention. June Hencely, Chrysophylax, tells us that under the direction of Mr. Brown, "a great guy" in the estimation of the members, Beta Delta Chapter will increase in size and continue in the same enthusiastic spirit in which it has been revived.

BETA THETA, HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

In a letter of regret at the inability of the chapter to be represented at the National Convention W. T. Saunders, Jr., Grammateus of Beta Theta Chapter, wrote as follows to Sue Davenport: "This year the chapter had a very eventful year. We have sponsored numerous movies and authoritative speakers in order to increase interest in the Classics. When the year rolls to a close we will have given to the school Library our annual gifts of classical books.

BETA IOTA, WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Professor C. B. Earp, Adviser of Beta Iota Chapter, tells us that the chapter initiated thirteen new members in April. There was a banquet following the initiation. The chapter will again award medals to the outstanding student in Latin in each of the three high schools in the city of Winston-Salem.

BETA KAPPA, COLLEGE OF NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND

Beta Kappa Chapter has supplied six medals for the winners in the Latin sight translation contest sponsored by the Baltimore Classical Club. At the final meeting

of the chapter in May, we shall initiate two new members and install the newly elected officers for next year. Since this is the tenth anniversary of the reception of our charter, our buffet supper will be a little more festive than usual as well as our favors and entertainment. We expect to depict in costume and pantomime a frieze of the story of Orpheus and Eurydice with flute accompaniment.—Zoe Mogill

BETA LAMBDA, MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

Beta Lambda Chapter held its traditional Roman banquet on Wednesday, April 15, in the Fine Arts Reception Room. Under Pat Befort's supervision a fine Roman menu was detailed and directives for the evening's apparel were carefully outlined. All members wore Roman sandals and white togas. Officers and honorary members were distinguished by silver laurel wreaths and broad purple borders on their togas. The conversation was entirely in Latin. Sister Marie Antoinette, the Adviser of the chapter, says that it was really a *Convivium Romanum ab ovo usque ad mala*.

BETA MU, BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Charles Reichenbach, Prytanis of Beta Mu, in sending Dave Biddle regrets at not being able to attend the convention, said: "Our chapter initiated two new members in April, in addition to the five initiated in March. Our May meeting will be a picnic at the home of one of the members. We have the medal for students of Vergil to present to a senior Latin student in five of the high schools of Indianapolis.

BETA XI, ROSARY COLLEGE

The programs of the year have been: a talk by Mrs. Anglese, the mother of one of the members, on the teaching of Latin in high school, an initiation talk by Mr. Basil Papadakis of the University of Athens on Saint Basil's thoughts on the need of the Classics in Christian education, and the last talk of the year to be given by Mr. Richard Carbray of Lake Forest Academy on "The Curious Preferment of Cato and Statius in the *Divine Comedy*." One former member of the chapter is completing her doctoral studies at the University of Cincinnati and another is beginning graduate work at Catholic University. One member who will be graduated this year will teach Latin in high school and one will continue her studies in France.—Janet Flick

BETA OMICRON, MOUNT MARY COLLEGE

Beta Omicron Chapter has had a very active year. In October Msgr. John J. Dougherty lectured on the Dead Sea Scrolls, in November the entire student body of the College attended *Oedipus Rex* as presented by the Players Incorporated of Catholic University. Short movies, Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient World Inheritance, and Pompeii and Vesuvius were enjoyed in December and the chapter entertained the entire student body at a lecture by Frederick Muhs of the Layton School of Art on "Greece Through an Artist's Eyes."

The lovely hymn of Prudentius *In Festo Epiphania* and an illustrated lecture by Sister Mary Dorothea, the Adviser, on "Famous Madonnas in Nativity Scenes" were the subjects of the January meeting. An illustrated lecture and pep talk on the value of the Classics to high schools students at Divine Savior High School was sponsored in March. The Eta Sigma Phi medal contest for second and fourth year high school students from the Milwaukee area was sponsored by Beta Omicron in April. Approximately fifty students from fourteen schools took part. Awards of two medals each for sophomores and seniors were given and a scholarship of \$150.00 was presented to the highest ranking senior girl, renewable for four years of college if a "B" average is maintained.—*Monica Josten*

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Beta Pi Chapter is completing a successful year of active participation by its members. In October an evening tea was given for current Latin and Greek students who are prospective members of the Fraternity. Slides taken by our chapter adviser, Prof. Mary Henbest, on her European trip of the previous summer were shown at one meeting. A Christmas party was held in December at which a professor of history at the university spoke to the group. At another meeting, a member of the Department of Government spoke on Roman Law. There have been three meetings devoted entirely to business. Our chapter presents an Eta Sigma Phi pin as an award to the outstanding member at the Honors Day Convocation in May each year. Officers for the coming year have been elected and will be installed as part of the Roman Banquet to be held in May. Interest is high and attendance at meetings is good. Our chapter looks forward to a successful future.—*John Louis Saunders*

BETA SIGMA, MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Beta Sigma Chapter has held monthly meetings featuring as usual various campus and community speakers. We participated in an interesting discussion led by Father Sherburne who has been trained in a vocal repetitive type of teaching Latin. Dr. Lamers of the Milwaukee school department entertained us with a lively discussion at another meeting. Beta Sigma Chapter is continuing its school lecture program in trying to stimulate classical interest in Milwaukee high schools; we have been going into junior highs to try to foster the beginning of Latin. We do not know whether these are tangible results of the program which was begun a few years ago but we are initiating on May 2 twenty-four active members, by far the largest class ever initiated at Marquette. The Classics program is larger than it has ever been. This initiation will be held at our annual senior banquet and I can predict that the best feature of this occasion will be the fact that the six of us who are leaving will be able to see four times as many replacing us. Everything points to a successful year next year for the latter part of the year was

spent in revamping and tightening our purposes and regulations. The newly elected officers are eager to get started and already plans are under way for an all university lecture to rival that of the English honorary.

—*Richard Matzek*

BETA TAU, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

The activities of Beta Tau Chapter got under way on September 25. At the next meeting the prospective new members were sworn in as pledges. A lecture followed and another lecture was held in December. In the second semester the lectures series was outlined for the coming semester. The 1959 High School Latin Translation Contest was very successful with over 136 students participating. Six members have been dropped from the rolls because they had not shown a continued interest and others were warned that they were on the borderline.—*Robert E. Donovan*

BETA UPSILON, MARSHALL COLLEGE

This year we have attempted to have monthly meetings. Reading and discussing *Oedipus the King* has been our topic of study. For the first time in our chapter we had a pledging period for new members. On April 3 we met at the home of Dr. Whitsel, our Adviser, for initiation and dinner. Following the dinner the new members presented a Roman version of "Person to Person," interviewing some of the old celebrities. We plan to give five Eta Sigma Phi medals to outstanding high school students having four years of Latin. We are having a picnic in May to conclude the year.

—*Thomas D. Clay*

GAMMA ALPHA, INDIANA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

The chapter sold candy for the purpose of raising money for the scholarship fund. Also we are planning another fund-raising project for this spring. Some of the members helped with the preparation and mailing of the letters sent to all the secondary teachers of Latin in Indiana. This is a project sponsored by the Joint High School-College Latin Teachers Recruitment Committee, of which Miss Ewing, our Adviser, is chairman. We have sent letters to the high schools in the vicinity of the college, telling them about our annual awarding of the Eta Sigma Phi medals and certificates of achievement. Members of Gamma Alpha Chapter will present these awards at the various schools on Honors Day.

—*Charles Johnson*

GAMMA GAMMA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

A full-swinging year of activity loomed ahead for the chapter in September and by April a highly successful year was written off in the log of Gamma Gamma Chapter. During the fall session the chapter invited the Reverend Raymond V. Schoder to be guest speaker on Mycenaean culture. The lecture was well attended by the universities and colleges in the Milwaukee area. At Christmas time our annual Chapter Dinner was held. The chapter was host for the Wisconsin State Convention of Eta Sigma Phi at which Dr. Robert Howard

delivered a lecture on Etruscan culture and Dr. Ortha Wilner, our Adviser, gave an informal talk on word derivations. All of this, of course, was in addition to our regular business meetings during which sessions minor changes in our local constitution were adopted.

—Franklin Lotter

GAMMA LAMBDA, SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

In 1959 we plan to initiate nine new members. The banquet will be held sometime in the month of May. Robert Donahue, Prytanis, gave a lecture to the Classical Club during the month of September on the "Value of the Classics." We also arranged for three lectures and a trip to Minneapolis for a visit to the Greek Catholic Church—Eastern Rite. On April 23 we attended a Latin program presented by the Winona Senior High Classical Club. We sponsored our Third Annual Latin Contest among schools in the Diocese of Winona. Nine high schools took part, giving us a total of more than two hundred participants. A trophy is to be awarded to the winning school on April 29. First, second, and third place medals were also presented. Certificates (editor's comment: and very attractive ones in excellent Latin) were given to these winners and also to four students who won honorable mention.

—Richard R. Schaefer

GAMMA XI, HOWARD UNIVERSITY

The present Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Chairman of the Department of Classics, Dr. Frank M. Snowden, Jr., has taken an active interest in Eta Sigma Phi's proceedings and recently addressed our chapter, proposing measures of classical activities which Gamma Xi agreed to adopt. The major one was the reading and discussion of Latin authors among the members. Dr. Snowden also held a classical evening at his home during which the artistic and literary interdependence of classical and modern cultures was discussed and demonstrated through the media of objet d'art and archaeological findings. Gamma Xi hopes to put such ideas into exhibition upon the completion of the Fine Arts Building at Howard. One of the current drives among the members, not yet fully realized, is the collection of suitable items. An active treasury has been instituted for the purchase of museum materials. Recently the members spent a rewarding day at Walters Museum in Baltimore, reviewing classical art under the direction of Dr. Annette Eaton of our Classics Department. Gamma Xi is planning to award Eta Sigma Phi medals. Mr. Philip Wooby, our present Adviser and sometime fellow of the American Academy in Rome, has recently published a new novel.—Samuel B. Davis

GAMMA OMICRON, MONMOUTH COLLEGE

In March nine new members were initiated at the regular meeting. Two of our regular members are at present studying at other universities. Becky Barr is in Scotland and Karen Hutchenson is at American University on the Washington Semester plan. This

spring we sent out our annual newsletter to the alumni of Gamma Omicron Chapter. Also a brochure will be sent to the incoming freshmen of Monmouth College this spring encouraging them to continue the study of Latin next year when they come to college. Gamma Omicron Chapter has had a very outstanding schedule of programs this year, which included such topics as "Design of the Greek Theater," "Roman Art and Architecture," slides of Rome, and a Latin play, *The Andria* of Terence, put on by a high school Latin Club.

—Lynn McGaan

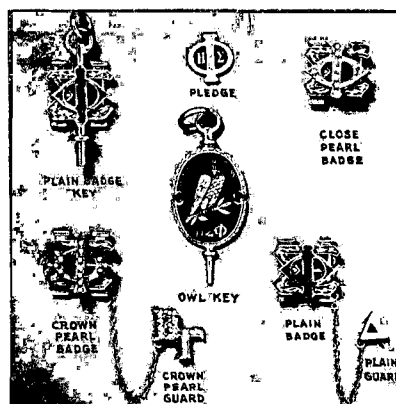
GAMMA RHO, HOPE COLLEGE

During the year five outstanding speakers gave papers at the meetings of Gamma Rho Chapter on phases of our Greek and Roman heritage. We have had six formal meetings with another planned as a convention report plus numerous business meetings. The major operation of the year was the drafting of a constitution which provided substantially more stringent membership requirements and a one-month orientation period for officials-elect.—M. Jacob Kaufman

GAMMA TAU, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Gamma Tau Chapter has spent a very busy first year. We presented the Eta Sigma Phi medal to an outstanding Latin student of the local high school last spring and this year we are continuing the custom and extending it to a high school in Jackson, Mississippi. Just a little over a month ago the chapter played host to the South Mississippi High School Classical Conference. Fifteen high schools were represented by over five hundred Latin students. The chapter made arrangements with the College to award three scholarships to the ones receiving the highest marks on second and third year translation tests given that day. The chapter has done so much to create a renewed interest in the Classics that a new record has been set in majors in the Department, all of whom are members of the Fraternity.—James G. Crowson and Luke Platt

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