

In the Land of the Sibyl: Greeks and Romans Along the Bay of Naples

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Andrew O'Brien of Beta Psi chapter at Rhodes College was the 2004 recipient of a Theodore Bedrick Eta Sigma Phi Summer Scholarship to participate in the Vergilian Society Summer Tour. There were no recipients of the 2004 scholarships to the American Academy in Rome or the American School in Athens. Announcements regarding the 2005 scholarships can be found on the back page of this newsletter.



At Terracina

This past summer, I was given the opportunity to tour and study Greek and Roman settlements around the Bay of Naples thanks to Eta Sigma Phi's generous Theodore Bedrick Scholarship. I enrolled in a program sponsored by the Vergilian Society called *In the Land of the Sibyl: Greeks & Romans Along the Bay of Naples*. The tour director was Dr. Steven L. Tuck of Miami University in Ohio. With Dr. Tuck's able and enlightening guidance, my fellow tour members and I enjoyed a wonderful (but sweltering) two weeks around the Bay of Naples.

After a somewhat inauspicious start (flight delays and a greedy ATM machine in the Rome airport that consumed my ATM card with neither provocation nor reason), I settled into Rome and prepared to meet my traveling companions the next day. I met them atop the Janiculum Hill at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies. We were an eclectic, motley

bunch. There were a few other students my age from various institutions around the country, some graduate students, and a cadre of high school teachers who had also come with the assistance of scholarships. Our group set out from Rome and on the way we saw the Roman ruins at Terracina and the Grotto of Tiberius at Sperlonga. Watch for falling, emperor-threatening rocks. That evening, we settled into the beautiful and historic Villa Vergiliana, a one hundred year old townhouse in Cumae along the Bay of

Naples. One of the oldest amphitheaters in Campania is just a stone's throw from the Villa. The Villa is run by the Sgariglia family, a very generous set of hosts with a long, multigenerational history with the Vergilian Society. Their delicious meals are not to be missed.

Our first full day of touring began on the acropolis of Cumae, followed by a trip to the Sibyl's grotto. Unfortunately, the Sibyl was not in, and so I had to put away my carefully prepared list of questions for the prophetess. In the afternoon, we visited the Roman ruins at Baia, site of a most excellent bath complex. In his *Epistles*, Horace wrote, "Nullus in orbe sinus Bais praelucet amoenis," and we all agreed with him. It was in the bay at Baia that Caligula made a bridge of ships across which he rode his horse. The horse later went on to become a

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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers:

While I have served as Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi since the fall of 2003, this is the first issue of the *Nuntius* I have edited. I would like to use this opportunity to thank my predecessor, C. Wayne Tucker, for all he did to insure a smooth transition of Eta Sigma Phi offices from Hampden Sydney College to Monmouth College. Wayne's six years as Executive Secretary and his seven as editor of the *Nuntius* were outstanding. During this time he was an excellent advocate for the society and worked tirelessly in the best interests of the society and the students it serves. Wayne has enhanced academic opportunities for undergraduates by extending the custom of reading undergraduate papers at national convention to a special session at the meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Southern Section.

Under his tenure the newsletter reached high levels of excellence, with many more photographs and general interest stories.

He published a copy of the revised constitution, along with updated versions of the rituals. He insured quality service from the companies with which the society does business, including those which print the *Nuntius* and prepare membership certificates. Wayne also began the already popular practice of offering graduation cords for initiates. He supervised six excellent national conventions and fourteen issues of the *Nuntius*. He has served as counselor and mentor to chapter advisors, national officers, local chairs for national conventions, and members of the Board of Trustees. In short, Wayne has been the mainstay of the society for these years and he has established a high level of professionalism and of service to this organization for which we should all be grateful. On behalf of active members of Eta Sigma Phi, I say to Wayne, *multas maximasque gratias!*

Sincerely,
Thomas J. Sienkewicz
Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi

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First Winner of the Bernice L. Fox Scholarship

Amy Petersen was the first recipient of the Bernice L. Fox Teaching Training Scholarship. The announcement for the 2005 scholarship appears on page 9 of this issue.

Earlier this year, I arrived home from teaching Latin at Midlothian High School near Richmond, VA, to find an announcement that I was this year's recipient of the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship, along with a check which greatly helped to offset my graduate school expenses this summer. Without such assistance, it would take me about five years to pay for the coursework with the increase in salary I will get, and that is actually good compared to many in my position. This is certainly a worthwhile scholarship.

I am attending the Classics Summer Institute at the University of Georgia in Athens. The program allows current teachers to earn their degree over the summers so that they may retain their teaching position during the school year. The university kindly offers out of state teachers like myself resident tuition.

Most candidates complete their MA within four to six summers. This is my fourth summer in the program. My coursework and exams, which take about three summers to complete, are finished. The final stage, on which I am currently working, is the writing of a thesis. My thesis will look at Ovid's presentation of his wife in the *Tristia* and



Amy Peterson with a Roman bust in the Classics Library at the University of Georgia in Athens.



Amy with her Latin Club officers from Midlothian High School at their summer meeting to organize events for the school year. Amy is the one in the back row on the right.

Epistulae ex Ponto in comparison with other depictions of women in the Roman literary record and then use those comparisons to analyze his wife's function in his exile poetry. It is simultaneously a fascinating and grueling process.

Both my thesis and my coursework have enhanced my teaching greatly. Soon after I began the program I began teaching upper and honors level Latin classes for which the information I have learned and scholarly processes I have honed while working on my MA have been particularly useful. It has also been good for me to get back in the classroom as a student, as it has revived my appreciation for what students must go through when assigned multiple papers, readings and tests. I have not become any easier as a teacher—probably the contrary—but I am more sympathetic and feel much more attuned to my students' needs as one who is freshly familiar with both sides of the desk.

Like my senior students, I am also

feeling the excitement of seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, the day I will get my diploma and be able to pursue other goals. Within the year I should be finished with my thesis and ready to launch into home ownership, world travel, and other thrilling adventures that are currently on hold. But that time has not arrived yet, so...back to work!

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itself, an extremely busy, slightly overwhelming city. We toured the National Archaeological Museum, which has a nice, titillating collection of erotic art, and to the National Art Gallery of Capodimonte. The latter sits on top of a hill overlooking Naples, and I was able to get a nice sense of the landscape, with Misenum on one side of the bay and Sorrento on the other. I also had the opportunity to visit Herculaneum, devastated by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Whereas Pompeii was buried in hot ash, Herculaneum was overrun with the lava flow from the volcano. This site, along with Pompeii, gives us great insight

erxae. At Pompeii, Pliny's haunting and evocative description of the chaos and terror of that day stuck with me, and it, along with the portraits of many people in their final moments, made the experience that much more profound and reflective. I also had the chance to enter the Villa of Mysteries, where very well preserved frescoes detail a woman's initiation into the cult of Dionysus.

Perhaps my favorite outing was our trip up Mount Vesuvius itself. Our bus drove us up quite high the volcano, but we had to take a large portion of the road up to the top on foot. It was a steep hike but well worth the view. Peering into the enormous empty crater, it is easy to see how catastrophic the eruption of a volcano of this size was to the region. Being up so high on the rim of a sleeping volcano was unlike anything I'd ever experienced. The natural beauty of the fertile Vesuvian soil below was almost enough to make me forget the thick smell of sulfur and the small streams of smoke escaping from the crater, which were slightly disconcerting. The small trinket shops that punctuate the climb up the

senator. You can't make this stuff up. Nero also tried to kill his mother Agrippina here, devising a boat for her that would collapse during navigation, thus making her death appear an accident. The next day, we visited Lake Avernus, site of the ancient entrance into the underworld. We looked high and low but were unable to find the entrance itself. The descent is *not* easy. Dr. Tuck informed us that Marcus Agrippa trained Augustus' fleet in Lake Avernus, which is actually a volcanic crater. Later in the day, we visited the wonderfully preserved amphitheater at Puteoli. We also toured Solfatara, a truly unique place that was the site of a mythological battleground between the gods and the Titans. The landscape is strange and otherworldly, almost lunar, filled with craggy rocks on a vast plain. The air here is thick with the smell of sulfur, and people come to this site regularly for therapeutic purposes. Our tour also took us to Paestum, site of three extremely well preserved Greek temples. The three temples here demonstrate the Greeks' experimentation with temple design, as the size and width of the temples here vary wildly. Paestum also has very fine Roman ruins, including a well-preserved forum.



Top, amphitheater at Puteoli

Above, at Paestum

Right, overlooking Naples



into the way the Romans lived during this period. Herculaneum is also the site of the Villa of the Papyri, so called because it contained an extensive library, including several works by the once lost Epicurean writer Philodemus. Pompeii as well provided me with a unique look into the day-to-day lives of the Romans. At both Herculaneum and Pompeii, we visited the places the Romans would have visited at the time, exploring the baths, temples, the forum, the amphitheater, and the tav-

volcano all sold cheap jewelry, including *Lord of the Rings* One Ring knockoffs, which produced a nice medley of jokes. We had fully intended to throw the Ring into Vesuvius, but it is precious to us.

We next did some island hopping visiting the small but informative museum on Ischia devoted to Pithecusae, the earliest Greek colony on the island. Ischia also allowed us some down time from all this traveling, and we spent half the day lounging at the beach. We Classicists

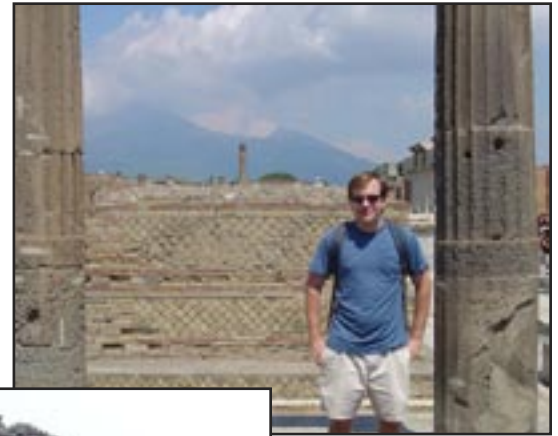
have it so rough, don't we? The next day, we went to Capri to study the Villa Iovis, Tiberius' retreat from Rome. The emperor permanently moved here in 27 A.D. and ruled the Empire from the island until his death in 37 A.D. With the beautiful views from the villa in the tranquility of the island in mind, it is easy for me to understand how the laconic and withdrawn emperor would have preferred this retreat to Rome's chaos. While at the emperor's home, we all felt the need to defend his honor from Suetonius' allegations of cruelty and sexual perversity. Not only do these purported activities conflict with Tiberius' established character, but the villa itself is quite humble. It is hardly a pleasure-dome for perversity but rather the sanctuary of a man who ruled reluctantly and who would rather have discussed philosophy.

Our travels also took us to Beneventum, the site of a fabulous triumphal arch erected by Trajan. The arch, positioned along the Via Appia, gives us a look at the emperor's domestic and foreign policies, including his establishment of a welfare program and his conquest of the Parthians. The nearby museum includes some wonderful Samnite artifacts, including some

Oscan inscriptions. On this day, we also visited the small town of Saepinum, a Samnite town conquered by the Romans. At the close of the tour, we visited the Royal Palace of Caserta, "the second Versailles" and the seat of power of the kings of Naples. We also saw another amphitheater at Capua, home of a famous school for gladiators. Spartacus, leader of a revolution in the first century B.C, was one of the gladiators who trained at Capua. Capua also holds a tiny Mithraeum with a wonderful fresco of Mithras slaying the bull, as he is wont to do. Our last stop of the tour was the monastery at Monte Cassino, which was totally destroyed by the Allies in World War II. Because the Germans fortified this strategically critical

promontory that overlooks the main road into Rome, the Allies were compelled to obliterate the German forces on the mountain, including the historic monastery. The quiet of the restored monastery and the large adjoining cemetery ended the tour on a note of pensive reflection.

Overall, it was a wonderful and enlightening tour through



Above, Vesuvius looms over Pompeii



Left, climbing Vesuvius



Bottom, at a tomb outside Pompeii

Campania, and the area is one of profound beauty and rich history. I profusely thank Eta Sigma Phi for giving me this marvelous opportunity. I also owe thanks to the Vergilian Society and Dr. Steven Tuck, without whose excellent guidance I probably would have fallen into Vesuvius. Finally, I'd like to show my appreciation to the Greek and Roman Studies professors at Rhodes College for their encouragement and support.

Eta Sigma Phi Medals

Eta Sigma Phi medals awarded to honor students in secondary-school Latin classes help to promote the study of Latin in high school and give Eta Sigma Phi an excellent contact with high school students of the Classics. Chapters can use them as prizes for contests or as a way to recognize achievement.

In addition, chapters can award the medals to outstanding students of the Classics at their home institutions. Two silver medals are available: the large medal (1½ inches) at \$24.75 and the small (¾ inch) at \$10.25. A bronze medal (¾ inch) is available at \$6.50. The various medals can be awarded to students at various levels of their study.

Medals may be ordered from Dr. Brent M. Froberg, 5518 Lake Jackson St., Waco, TX 76710-2748. Please add \$1.00 per order to cover the costs of postage and handling. Checks should be made payable to **Eta Sigma Phi Medal Fund** and should accompany the order.

Meet the National Officers

With this issue of the Nuntius the society is reintroducing a feature which was popular in many earlier issues.



Andrew O'Brien of Beta Psi chapter at Rhodes College is Megas Grammateus, obram@rhodes.edu.

I grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana, where I attended St. Martin's Episcopal School. I first studied Latin in the seventh grade. Using the excellent Cambridge series, I learned Latin and went on to read the *Aeneid* in high school. Enjoying the subject and some degree of success in it, I decided to continue my studies in Classics at Rhodes College, where I am now a Greek and Roman Studies major. I participate in intramural sports at Rhodes College with my team of fellow ragtag athletes. Our belief that if it's a sport, we should play it. Accordingly, we find ourselves playing (and losing) countless basketball, wiffleball, racquetball, and football games. We were actually dismayed when we started to win a few soccer games. I'm also a student of film and write the occasional review for the student newspaper.

The study of Classics is beneficial to us all for several reasons. On a historical level, Classics gives us all a basic history of the ancient world that I believe every educated person should know to some degree. Because Classics continues to influence modern society and culture, it is essential to understand from where these influences come. On a philological level, my studies of the Latin and Greek languages have given me insights into both my own language and the languages of others. My background in Latin gives me a much better understanding of the

Romance languages. I have picked up a little bit of French and German along the way, and my understanding of those languages would not have been possible without a Classics background.

My experiences abroad and at home with the ancient world have only increased my desire for more opportunities to study. Accordingly, I would like to enter graduate school so that I might learn more about Greek and Roman society. With a post-graduate degree, I would like to serve in some sort of educational capacity, either in a university or museum setting. Of the two, I would prefer to teach at a university because I see it as a way of giving back to the discipline. The study of Classics has endured so many centuries because of great teachers. The great teachers with whom I have studied were excited about the subject, and their enthusiasm motivated me in turn to study the ancient world with greater vigor. I therefore hope to inspire others to study the ancient world with my own enthusiasm and love for its rich history.

Eta Sigma Phi plays an important role in the study of Classics. More than anything else, Eta Sigma Phi provides an opportunity for students of the ancient world to communicate on a national level and to exchange ideas on how to improve the awareness and appreciation of Classics in their respective communities. The national conventions are a great way for us all to meet and share our love for antiquity. Eta Sigma Phi makes the study of Classics a profoundly social activity, and it soundly refutes that tired notion that Latin and ancient Greek are "dead languages." Eta Sigma Phi stands in sharp contrast to the idea that the study of

Classics is a thing of the past, as we find new and exciting ways to think and talk about ancient history.



Stephanie Walker of Delta Chi chapter at St. Olaf College is the current megas prytanis of Eta Sigma Phi, walkers@stolaf.edu.

I grew up at the foot of the Big Horn Mountains in Sheridan, WY and am currently a senior Classics and English major with a linguistics concentration at St. Olaf College. My first year at St. Olaf, I decided to take a Latin class, regardless of the fact that I had already completed my language requirement with French. My immediate love of Latin eventually led to my taking Greek and travelling to Greece with Anne Groton. Through the classics, I have developed my love of language and have been offered the opportunity to share my enthusiasm with others through both Eta Sigma Phi and through being the intro Latin lab tutor. I hope to continue my love of language by studying abroad for a year, learning a new language and then continuing on to graduate

Eta Sigma Phi Honor Cords and Hoods

Eta Sigma Phi Honor Cords, which are purple and gold, are \$15 each, including postage and handling, or \$12 each if picked up at the national convention. Gold honor hoods with a purple owl emblem are also available for \$20 each by mail and \$17 each if purchased at the national convention. Photos of both the cords and the hoods are available on the Eta Sigma Phi website. Orders for the cords and hoods should be sent at least four weeks before they are needed. Orders, with a check for the total amount (please do not send individual students' checks) payable to Eta Sigma Phi, should be sent to the executive secretary (see p. 2).

school where I plan to study linguistics. Beyond that, I have considered taking my love of language either into teaching or the foreign service. We shall see.

Eta Sigma Phi is important to me and to the world of classics lovers at large because so few people can grasp the beauty and complexity that is the Classical world. Instead, most just take the time to once again remind us what nerds we are. Eta Sigma Phi allows us the chance to share our passion with others, along with classics jokes and puns and all the fun etymology of our language. After all, one can only keep such fabulous and useful knowledge in one's head for so long without sharing their abundance with the world.

When not participating in classics-related events, I am involved in everything else. I am President of Blue Key (the service-leadership organization), Deputy Director Of Public Relations for Student Government, Editor In Chief of the yearbook, Student Hall Coordinator and ultimate frisbee enthusiast. My most common and Classics-inspired hobby, however, is telling people the etymology of all sorts of words. It's great fun at parties.



Katie Jones of Eta Gamma Chapter at Loyola University New Orleans is Mega Hyparchos, kmjones1@loyno.edu.

I grew up in Franklin, Tennessee, a small civil war town twenty miles south of Nashville. I graduated from Franklin High School with honors and am now a senior honors classical studies major at Loyola University New Orleans. I am currently applying to graduate schools in the U.S.

and Britain to study classical languages and literature. I hope to, as John Henderson said, land with a "sickening phd" and teach Latin and Greek at the college level.

I first fell in love with the classics when I signed up for Latin in 9th grade. I wanted to go to med school and I thought knowing the roots of medical terminology would be helpful. I was seduced away from medicine by Latin. My understanding of language has deepened so much from learning Latin and Greek. I can't help but feel like I'm in on some great secret when I am able to figure out the meanings of words I've never encountered before or when I snicker at the word "gymnastics" during the Olympics. Classics has also made me much more disciplined and able to just suck it up and get my work done. Classics requires many different strengths and abilities, and I feel like a more well-rounded human being than I was before I started studying Latin and Greek. (I also think reading ancient languages is great fun.)

I've given papers at several professional conferences, and I've seen how crucial that marketplace of ideas is to academia. I think it's really important that undergraduates also have a national organization to belong to, and a national conference at which to network, share research, and just have fun. I look forward to the national conference every year and getting to visit with old friends and make new ones. The local chapters are great for the same reasons—finding students with common interests to study and socialize with.

When I don't have my nose buried in Juvenal, I like to ride my bike (I don't have a car) and practice yoga. I love to travel and I often write poetry or short stories about my adventures. Living in New Orleans has made me a devoted cook. I listen to hip-hop, especially Eminem, constantly, and I love to dance. I'm currently working with Professor Sienkewicz on a campaign to reactivate inactive chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. I look forward to serving the Eta Sigma Phi community as the national Vice President during this school year—feel free to contact me any time with ideas, questions, or concerns.



Richard Harrod of Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College is Megas Chrysothylax, rharrod@monm.edu.

I grew up in Annapolis Maryland and attended the Naval Academy Primary School, Annapolis Junior High, and Gunston Day school. I am a sophomore at Monmouth College, where I am majoring in both Classics and History. I first started to study Classics when I was 11 years old. I began studying Latin in high school and am presently taking ancient Greek. I have also studied Russian and am learning Sanskrit on my own. I am practicing piano and voice and working on my minor in English Literature. I am in the college choir and plan to travel with the group on a tour of Scotland in May.

The Classics have enriched my life beyond my ability to describe. Studying both the languages and the history/civilizations is extremely rewarding. I find the lives of the Roman Emperors and Greek Statesmen to be of special interest. I also enjoy the philosophy, poetry, and drama of many of the great Classical minds. I have found that studying the period and it's languages has helped me better understand all of western history and culture.

My goal is to go to graduate school and to become a professor of Ancient Civilizations/History. Classics fits right in with my career goal but they are also important to me because they allow me to associate with people who share the same love of Classical Studies that I do. It is important to the world because the legacy of the Classics is one of unparalleled importance. It needs to be preserved.

A Great Deal

The letter at right was received by the Executive Secretary from Lynn Dunnagan, who served as Megas Prytanis of Eta Sigma Phi in 1976-1977. She has a lifetime subscription to the *Nuntius*. Below is the biographical sketch which Ms. Dunnagan submitted for the Sept. 1977, Vol. 52, number 1 issue of the *Nuntius*.

I am a senior at Indiana State University on a secondary teaching program majoring in Latin and mathematics. My cumulative average is 3.70 and I belong to Alpha Lambda Delta, am Secretary of ISU Senior Classical League, and am presently working with the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi in our high school extension program. I have also received the freshman and sophomore Lillian Gay Berry Latin awards. I hope to teach for a short time after graduation and then plan to earn my MA and PhD in the Classics.



Lynn Ann Dunnagan in 1977
(from the Eta Sigma Phi Archives)

Interested in a lifetime subscription to the *Nuntius*? See page 11 for an application form.

June 7, 2004

Dear Professor Sienkewicz:

Twice each year, with great anticipation, I open the simple, brown, 9 by 12-inch envelope from Eta Sigma Phi that I know contains the *Nuntius* with its familiar purple and gold header and "wisdom of Athena" logo. Though it has been twenty-five years since I was first initiated into the mysteries of this fraternity through the Gamma Alpha Chapter at Indiana State University, I have never forgotten to be a lover of beauty and wisdom. I know that I have failed many times to follow the path laid out by Vergil, Plato, and Homer, but I have unfailingly looked to their words for inspiration and to the words of other ancient thinkers whose works have miraculously survived and thankfully been preserved over the centuries.

I have never regretted heeding the advice of Professor Brent Froberg many years ago when I invested a mere \$50.00 in a lifetime membership in Eta Sigma Phi. He was right! It was a great deal! What did I get for my investment? Well, let's see.

The *Nuntius* has always brought me pleasurable news of Eta Sigma Phi conventions and the young classicists who carry on the old traditions and, thankfully, create new ones more in keeping with their day. The *Res Gestae* are filled with youthful adventures and wonderful, workable ideas for fund-raising, community service, and promotion of the Classics. I have been thrilled to see Eta Sigma Phi go online with its website and to see the organization continue to provide services such as jewelry, medal, and cord sales, scholarships for educational travel, and translation contests. I always enjoy hearing from the winners of the American Academy in Rome and the Vergilian Society Scholarships and reading the student papers presented at the Convention.

Needless to say, there have also been those rare times when the *Nuntius* has been a bearer of sad tidings. So it was today when I read that Bernice Fox died in December of 2003. I remember her very fondly as a small, energetic professor, who was not only an excellent magistra, but also a leader of students, a creative itinerant, and an instigator of learning. Her students were quite fortunate to have experienced her.

Thanks to the excellent leadership of its Board of Trustees, Eta Sigma Phi has continued to touch my life throughout the years. Through the ministrations and dedication of Professor Froberg and Professor Tucker, the *Nuntius* has continued to delight and inform me. Even in death, my dear mentors from so long ago live on through scholarships named in their honor.

With these thoughts in mind, please accept the enclosed check for \$200.00, \$100.00 of which I am donating in memory of Professor Bernice Fox for the Teacher-Training Scholarship and \$100.00 of which I am donating in memory of Professor Ted Bedrick for the Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae.

I wish you all the best in your role as Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi.

Sincerely yours,
Lynn A. Dunnagan

THE ETA SIGMA PHI

Bernice L. Fox Teacher Training

SCHOLARSHIP

2005

The Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi, the national honorary classics society, announce the Bernice L. Fox Teacher Training Scholarship. This \$500 scholarship is available to an Eta Sigma Phi member who is teaching, or preparing to teach, in the secondary schools. Applicants should have received a Bachelor's degree since January 1, 1994 or shall have received it before June 2005 and will not have received a doctoral degree.

The scholarship is to be used for a summer activity contributing to the recipient's preparation for teaching, such as attendance at the Summer Institute of the American Classical League, the Kentucky Language Institute, or the Illinois Pedagogy Workshop; or attendance at university courses leading to certification. There is no application form, but those wishing to apply should submit a proposal that includes a description of the program, a budget, any other financial support expected, and their contributions to Eta Sigma Phi when they were undergraduates. They should also ask an appropriate person (department chair, principal, supervisor, etc.) to send a letter of support. They should indicate the chapter into which they were initiated, as well as the date of the initiation, if possible.

This scholarship honors Bernice L. Fox who taught English, Latin and Greek at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, from 1947 to 1981, and who served as chair of the Department of Classics from 1970 until her retirement in 1981. Throughout her long and dynamic career she worked tirelessly to promote the Classics in Illinois high schools and colleges. In 1956 she founded Monmouth College's Gamma Omicron Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. She was the author of *Tela Charlottae*, the Latin translation of E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web*. In 1991 Monmouth College conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. She died in 2003.

Selection of recipients is made by the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees, whose members are Sr. Thérèse Marie Dougherty (chair) of the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland, (chair) and Professors Alden Smith of Baylor University in Waco Texas, Martha Davis of Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Leon Fitts of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Daniel Levine of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. In selecting the recipient of this scholarship, the Trustees will give attention to the quality of the applicant's work in Greek and Latin, experience in teaching Latin K-12, and contribution to the activities of Eta Sigma Phi at the local and national level. The recipient will be announced after the National Convention.

Send the completed scholarship applications by February 1, 2005 to

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Eta Sigma Phi at CAMWS-SS 2004

Following a practice introduced by Executive Secretary C. Wayne Tucker several ago, Eta Sigma Phi sponsored an undergraduate paper session at the 2004 meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Southern Section, on Saturday, November 6, 2004, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. This session, entitled "The Next Generation," included five papers read by Eta Sigma Phi members and was chaired by Katherine Morrow Jones (Loyola University New Orleans), National Vice President. The following three abstracts were submitted to the editor for publication in the *Nuntius*.

"Roman Law and the Existence of Organized Crime"

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In the Eastern Empire, Justinian I ordered the composition and revision of all existing Roman Law codes into what is known as the *Corpus Juris Civilis*. The most important section of this Codex is the *Digest*, in which certain laws bear striking similarity to certain contemporary laws of the United States, specifically those dealing with the prosecution of Organized Crime. Though Organized Crime is not mentioned by name in Roman chronicles, its existence can be gleaned from the laws designed to prosecute it. Through these laws in the *Digest*, it can be inferred that the Romans did, in fact, have Organized Crime, and had the ability and effectively prosecute it.

"Horse and Cavalry in Athenian Society and Warfare"

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The horse was interwoven into Athenian society by politics, religion and ultimately by warfare. Along with archaeological evidence there is a variety of works of different genres: history, oratory, drama, and philosophy. The horse and socio-political status were very closely related



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in ancient Athens, so much so that children were given "horse" names such as Xanthippos. Horses were a symbol of wealth and playwrights often lampooned the aristocracy using horse allusions. Aristophanes wrote a play called "The Clouds". In this play, a character names his child Pheidippides, meaning "thrifty horse." Xenophon gives us horse breeding advice and teaches us about the art of the cavalry commander. Ancient lead scrolls illustrate the roll call for cavalry horses, stating their color, brand, name of the owner in the genitive and value at the time of evaluation. Horse and chariot racing was popular in the Panathenaic games. They provided a glorious and grand spectacle in the procession to the acropolis. A most elegant and life-like representation of the Panathenaic procession is carved into the Parthenon. The horse appears on pottery used in daily life as well as the afterlife. Pyxides are decorated with horses and Dipylon vases are illustrated with funeral corteges. Several monuments are also explored which

honor men and their tribes for winning the anthippasia, a horse race at the Olympieia festival. The development the Athenian cavalry is illustrated through pottery, lead tokens, written evidence and lead scrolls found in a well in the Agora. The history of ancient Athens would be pale indeed without the horse to add color to the tapestry called Athens.

"A Crucial Historical Moment: A Discussion of Orientalist Ideology and Other Problems in Mithraism and Mithraic Studies"

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"The Orient is not only adjacent to Europe; it is also the place of Europe's greatest and richest and oldest colonies, the source of its civilizations and languages, its cultural contestant, and one of its deepest and most recurring images of the Other," says Edward Said

in his ground-breaking book *Orientalism*. The idea of the East as the Other began very early in the ancient world and can be detected in many different guises. One particular example is in the Roman mystery cult of Mithras. In my paper, I argue that Orientalist ideology forms a cornerstone of both Mithraic worship and modern studies of Mithraism.

I begin with an examination of the ancient society itself, since Mithraists seemed to believe that their cult had its origins in Persia. After a discussion of what is known about the cult, I ask what in Mithraic ritual practices differed from traditional Roman religion and what, if anything, this difference can tell us about their appropriation of an “Eastern” religion.

From here, I move to the various problems that modern scholars of Mithraism must consider. I first look at one of the first modern scholars of Mithraism, Franz Cumont and examine the extent to

which Orientalism plays into his famous work *Les Mystères de Mithra*, published in 1899. Next I deal with a further problem that often confounds modern Mithraic studies—Mithraism’s correlation with Christianity, a problem which also evident to early Christians.

In the final section of my paper, I look at modern conceptions of Mithras and how, if at all, they have been shaped by the actual practices of the ancient cult and by modern scholarly interpretations of the material evidence. Mithras is more popular today than one might think. In fact, a simple Google search of “Mithraism” turns up about 22,800 results.

In my conclusion, I seek to understand the reasons behind this popularity, tying in the evidence I have presented about the ancient cult and the modern scholarly tradition. Ultimately, I evaluate a statement made by R.L. Gordon that “we know, and can know, much less about

Mithraism than is usually supposed” and suggest that, if this is correct, our interest in Mithraism reveals much more about our own socio-religious needs than it does about those of the Romans.

The following two essays also were read:

“Why No Trial?”

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“White Elephant Gift? Elephants in the Roman Army”

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New and Reactivated Chapters

Eta Sigma Phi welcomes the members of its newest chapter Eta Psi of Michigan State University, which received its charter on October 20, 2003. The society also welcomes back the following chapters which reactivated during the 2003-2004 academic year.

Gamma Nu, Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey

Gamma Xi, Howard University, Washington, D.C.

In order to reactive a chapter simply needs to hold an initiation ceremony and to submit a report of initiates to the executive secretary.

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77th Annual

ETA SIGMA PHI Convention

April 15-17, 2005
Northfield, Minnesota



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(who are welcoming you in the photo)

The convention will begin with a reception at 7 o'clock on Friday and end with the final business session at 12 o'clock on Sunday. There will be talks by students, reports on chapter activities, scholarly lectures, a *certamen*, a banquet with ancient dress optional and plenty of time for socializing.

Call for Papers

Undergraduate members of Eta Sigma Phi are invited to submit papers for consideration for presentation at the convention, April 15-17, 2005. The papers will be judged anonymously, and the three members whose papers are selected for reading at the convention will have their registration fees remitted. Students should be certain that they will be able to attend the convention before submitting papers.

Requirements:

1. The paper should deal with some aspect of classical civilization or language and be directed to an undergraduate audience. (A paper written for a class is acceptable.)
2. The paper should be typed, double-spaced, and no longer than 15 minutes in length, or 20 minutes if there are illustrations. (Electronic submissions are encouraged.)
3. The name of the author should not appear on the paper.
4. Each submission should contain a cover sheet with the author's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, chapter, and institution.
5. The *non-refundable* convention registration fee must accompany the submission. The fee and other details will be in convention information mailed to all advisers early next year.

Papers should be received by **February 15, 2005** addressed to:

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Initiates January 1– June 30, 2004

The following are the names of students and others whose initiations into the Society were reported to the national office between July 1 and December 31, 2003. The date in parentheses is the date of the initiation ceremony.

Beta (Northwestern University):

Winifred Rose Olliff, Margaret O'Leary, Rachael King, Thomas Beasley (01-17-04); Drew Warchut, Beth Barancik, Jaimee Stephens, Catherine G. Ruegger, Katherine Ducey, Anthony Habschmidt, Shira Abrams, Michael Jansen, Geoffrey Derrick, Andrew Hiller, Lauren Weinstein, Lauren Walker, Jennifer Yao; Honorary: Janie Zuber (04-03-04).

Eta (Florida State University):

Laura Calco, Amy Harvey, Philip Miller, Jennifer Ann Oksanen, Lindsay Spann; Associate: John Beby, Jared Eisenmann (01-27-04).

Iota (University of Vermont):

Jessica Evans (5-5-01); Kaleigh Brook, Dario Cutura, Rachel Thomas, Blake Browne, Dean Proestakes; Associate: Jennifer Crawford (4-6-04).

Alpha Lambda (University of Oklahoma):

Miranda Barnett, Joshua Bartee, Jessica L. Braver, Jennifer Christol, Lisa Michelle Earls, Emily Jane Hawkins, Richard D. Iovan, Megan Leuba-Brown, Benjamin Shane Morgan, Charles Mullens III, Katherine Pounds, Theresa Santiago, Pooja Singhal, Rachael M. Smith, Tamra Stewart, Katherine Wilks, Lance Zondor, Shelley Langston (03-24-04).

Alpha Mu (University of Missouri):

Steve Malcic, Tyler Altrup, Heather Southard, John Rounds, Kira Green; Associate: Kate Crews; Honorary: Charles Saylor (11-10-03).

Alpha Pi (Gettysburg College):

Timothy D. Athans, Peter J. Baldyga, Ashley J. Bruneseke, Andrew J. Couch, Laurie A. Griffiths, Jason H. Henderson, Jessica C. Levenson, Kathryn L. Mereen, Megan E. Murphy, Adam R. Purzycki, Ryan C. Rodgers, Gina M. Santamaria,

Melissa C. Smith; Honorary: Dylan Bloy (04-14-04).

Alpha Upsilon (College of Wooster):

Jeffrey Adamson, Eva Bernard, Cassandra Dobson, Jessica Hahs, Jessica Hill, Judith Holden, Josellen Hrusovsky, Elizabeth Kerr, Nicholas Monin, Elizabeth Neely, Douglas Palmer, Megan Prichard, Kristina Schnell, Rhian Stotts, Tara Thompson, Kathryn Torrey, Courter Shimeall; Honorary: Stephen Lacey (04-24-04).

Alpha Omega (Louisiana State University):

Geoffrey Bain, Gabriel Beadle, Tim Brinkley, Victoria Burke, Jessica Grubbs, Judy Han, Christopher Hodnette, Lauren Jones, Lauren Kenney, Allison Landry, Jonathan Robert Marlowe, Jeremy Dale Raber, Michael James Reed, Lindsey Reynolds, Kelli Richard, David Hood Roscher, Marilyn Shapley, Leah A. Sharp, Ellyn Smith, John M. Tracy, Paul Triche, Jr., Wensi Xu, Jackie Zimmerman (4-26-04).

Beta Gamma (University of Richmond):

Christopher C. Rigsby, Jessica Annette Martinich, Anna Mary Weir, James Joseph Young, John F. Rakus (04-08-04).

Beta Delta (University of Tennessee):

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Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney College):

Jason Raymond Bart, Paul Graham Bodie, Jr., Ben Chambers, Dustin Shaw DeJarnette, Lowell C. Frye, Timothy R. Samsa, Matthew Shealy, Killian Zimmerman; Honorary: Linwood W. Davis (2-17-04).

Beta Iota (Wake Forest University):

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Beta Nu (Mary Washington College):

Heather Atkinson, John Beck, Catherine Butler, Brandon Cox, Chris Dalton, Bryce Davenport, Renee Eldridge, Adrienne Hagen, Nicole Maier, Pamela Medley, Andrew McBride, Lindsey McClintock, David Steele, Karen Sugahara, Nicole Vasil, Diane Williams, Nancy Williams, Bonnie Winstead (03-19-04).

Beta Pi (University of Arkansas):

Don M. Burrows, Benjamin Carlyle, Danis Copenhaver, Sarah Fine, Natalie Hall, Adam M. Lentz, Jasmine Merced-Ownbey, Lewel Scherer, David Spitzer, Sara Sullivan, Rachel Yingling (12-13-03); Robert Antonescu, Chris Cude Woods, Sarah Dean, Brent Harbaugh (03-06-04).

Beta Sigma (Marquette University):

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Gamma Nu (Montclair State University):

Laura Higley, Karen Cardell, Diana C. Bedoya, Stephanie White, Dan DiCristo, Lara Roth-Biester, Ruth Marsden, Charlotte Malerich; Associate: Jean W. Moore (12-15-03).

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Odiri Dafe, Nikki Faison-Miller, Hannah Groce, Brittany Mabry, LaCher Nicholson, Joycelyn Peyton (04-13-04).

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Gamma Sigma (University of Texas, Austin):

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Gamma Omega (Baylor University):

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Delta Sigma (University of California Irvine):

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Call for Bids to Host the 78th Annual Eta Sigma Phi Convention 2006

Active Chapters of Eta Sigma Phi are invited to submit bids to host the 78th Annual National Convention in 2006. These bids will be reviewed by a committee at the 2005 convention in Northfield, Minnesota (April 15-17, 2005). The 2006 convention site will be chosen by the membership at the 2005 convention. At least one active member of the chapter submitting a bid must attend the 2005 convention.

The convention begins with a 7 P.M. reception on a Friday and ends at noon on Sunday with a final business session. There will be talks by students, reports on chapter activities, scholarly lectures, a *cert amen*, a banquet and time for socializing. The host chapter will be responsible for:

- selecting a hotel
- designing a convention t-shirt
- arranging for the Friday reception, including certamen equipment
- preparing a welcome packet and registration materials, including a program
- staffing the registration desk
- arranging for transportation between the hotel and the campus (if necessary)
- supplying facilities (and A/V equipment, when necessary) on campus for the Saturday morning meeting
- providing lunch on Saturday and brunch on Sunday
- organizing appropriate cultural activities for Saturday afternoon
- identifying a speaker for the Saturday evening banquet

A bid consists of:

1. The proposed convention dates with detailed information about price and room availability from an appropriate hotel.
2. Information about the special regional amenities, accompanied by brochures, where appropriate.
3. A description of the kinds of special cultural activities the chapter plans for Saturday afternoon.
4. A list of possible speakers for the Saturday evening banquet
5. The names of the members of the local committee and a description of the responsibilities of each member in convention planning.
6. A letter of support from the faculty advisor of the chapter with an explanation of the kinds of financial, secretarial and other support the chapter can expect to receive from the host institution.
7. A proposed budget for expenses.

Five copies of the bid will be submitted to the convention committee at the 2004 convention. Chapters intending to bid for the 2006 convention are encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary prior to the 2005 convention to discuss their plans.

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Zeta Eta (Loyola Marymount University):

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Zeta Phi (University of California, Santa Barbara):

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Quid Novi?

Send information on your chapter's activities by April 1, 2005, for inclusion in the spring *Nuntius*. Photographs of members are always welcome, and be sure to identify the people in the photographs. Send information and photographs to Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz (see p. 2).

O'Leary, Laura Provance, John C. Sherwood, Christopher Steffe, Mackenzie L. Taylor, Dennis Lee Trinkle II, Jeneva Louise Wyatt (04-25-04).

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Audrey Sova, Rebecca Broedel, Lindsay Lai, Elizabeth B. Pinckney, Jetta M. Peterkin, K. Meghan Robertson, Caroline M. Krause, Katie S. Streeff, Ashley E. Milligan, Emily Catherine Bittinger, William Bryce; Associate: Bo Christian Klintberg; Honorary: Richard Phillips (04-16-04).

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Hunter Nielsen, Daila Temple, Christina Monsman, Eleonore Malarchik, Kelly Beahan (9-16-03).

Eta Kappa (Catholic University of America):

Becky Goodman, Kristin Mullarkey; Honorary: Laura Johnson, David Cronin (04-05-04).

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Bonni Lynn Yates; Associate: Meghan A. Purvis (6-9-04).

Eta Nu (University of Rochester):

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Jennifer Berkoski, Laurel Crane, Nina Ferry, Meaghan Hunt, Rachel MacLean, Lauren Ann O'Donnell, Keith Sullivan, Ivy Linton Stabell, Rocelo Villarosa (2-18-04).

Eta Xi (California State University, Long Beach):

Associate: Denise Doane, Laura Hunter, Nancy Meyer, Paul Salay (11-15-01); James Alvarado, Michael Pearlman, Lisa Bivens (6-8-04).

Eta Rho (University of Illinois at Chicago):

Bradley Oliva, Susan Lim, Timothy O'Connell, Diana Avelis, Catherine McChrystal, Eric Lucke, Jean M. Frank, Shoshana Morgenstern, Kevin Cisner (04-29-03).

Eta Sigma Phi Archives

By vote of the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees at the 2004 convention, the Hewes Library at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, has become the permanent repository of the Eta Sigma Phi Archives. The purpose of these archives is to serve as a permanent repository for back issues of the *Nuntius* (the newsletter of Eta Sigma Phi) and other records of the national society. Members are encouraged to donate memorabilia to the collection, which is open to scholars and to the general public by appointment. Copies of documents can be obtained by mail for a modest fee. The archives are maintained by Ryan Bay MC '07 under the direction of Dr. Thomas J. Sienkewicz, Minnie Billings Capron Professor of Classics at Monmouth College and the Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi. The contents of the archives are published on the web

at <http://department.monm.edu/classics/esparchives/>.

The Eta Sigma Phi Archives currently owns the following issues of the *Nuntius*. If you own any of the missing issues, please consider donating them to the collection.

Vols. 1-17, 1926-1943 but Vol. 1 #4 and 5 are damaged
Vol. 18 No 1, Nov. 1943
Vol. 24, No. 3, March 1950
Vol. 25, No. 2 and 3, Jan. and May 1951
Vol. 26, No. 3, March 1952
Vol. 27, No. 1, 2 and 4, Nov. 52, Jan. 53, May 53
Vol. 28-29 all 1953-1955
Vol. 30, No. 1, Nov. 1955
Vol. 32, No. 4, May, 1958
Vol. 34, No. 2, Jan. 1960
Vol. 35, No. 1 and 2, Jan. 1960
Vol. 37, No. 4, May 1963
Vol. 38, No. 3 and 4, March and May 1964
Vol. 39, No. 1-4, Nov. 1964 and Jan. 1965 and March 1965 and May 1965
Vol. 40, No. 1-4 Nov. 1965, Jan. , March and May 1966
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Vol. 62, No. 1 and 2, 1987-1988
Vol. 63, No. 1 and 2, 1988-1989
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Eta Sigma Phi Song

This song was originally inserted into the Nov. 15, 1953, Vol. 28, Number 1 issue of the Nuntius and was recently rediscovered by the Executive Secretary in the archives. Plans are to rescore this song and to have it performed in April at the 2005 convention.

SONG FOR ETA SIGMA PHI

- A. Connor

Bear ing beau ty's flame, bending our
hearts to your name Your ancient splen dor we cher ish
now, youth ful dreams tell us how;
Stu dents look to your light A glory ev - er
bright Our loy - al - ty we pledge to
you , Eta Sig ma Phi.

Eta Sigma Phi at APA/AIA 2005

Members and chapter advisors of Eta Sigma Phi should look for the Eta Sigma Phi booth in the book display area at the annual joint meeting of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 6-9, 2005. Several of the national officers will be at this booth in order to increase the visibility of the national classics honorary society among college and university professors and to encourage new chapters and the reactivation of deactivated ones. If you plan to attend the meetings, please stop by to say "Salvete" or "XAIPETE" to our officers.



Eta Sigma Phi Web Page

The web page of the national office can now be found at two URLs:

www.etasigmaphi.us and
www.etasigmaphi.com.

Webmaster and designer is Wyatt Preul MC '05. On the page will be found various information on Eta Sigma Phi, as well as links to the pages of local chapters. It also contains copies of the forms for the Annual Report and the Report on Initiates. Both of these reports can now be submitted on line from the website. If your chapter has a web page, please send the address to Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz so that it can be added to the national page.

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THE ETA SIGMA PHI SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2005

The Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi are pleased to announce the following scholarships. *Nota bene: Separate application for admission to the desired program must be made to AAR, ASCSA, or VS.*

The Scholarship to the Classical Summer School at the American Academy in Rome will have a value of \$3,425. Programs Department, American Academy in Rome, 7 East 60 St., New York NY 10022-1001. <http://www.aarome.org/summer/css/>. E-mail: info@aarome.org. The deadline for applications to AAR is March 1, 2005.

The Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens will have a value of \$2,700, which includes the remission of one-half of all fees by the American School. Committee on the Summer Sessions, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 6-8 Charlton St., Princeton, NJ 08540-5232. <http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/>. E-mail: ascsa@ascsa.org. The deadline for applications to ASA is January 15, 2005.

At either of the above summer sessions, six semester hours of credit may be earned and applied toward an advanced degree in Classics at most graduate schools, provided that arrangements have been made in advance with the graduate school.

Eligibility: Eligible to apply for the above scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members and alumni **who have received a Bachelor's degree since January 1, 1999, or shall have received it by June 2005, and who have not received a doctoral degree.** Note: In order to be valid membership must have been registered with the National Office of Eta Sigma Phi by the application deadline.

The Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae will have a value of \$2,800, which includes the remission of one-half the tuition fee by the Vergilian Society. Holly Lorencz, John Burroughs School, 755 S. Price Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124. <http://www.vergil.clarku.edu/tours.htm>. E-mail: hlorenz@jburroughs.org. The deadline for applications to the Vergilian Society is April 1, 2005.

Eligibility for the Bedrick Scholarship: In addition to those eligible for the first two scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members who will be rising juniors or seniors in the summer of 2005, and preference for the scholarship will be given to such undergraduate members.

Selection of recipients is made by the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee, whose members are Professors Caroline A. Perkins of Marshall University (chair), Francis Dunn of the University of California at Santa Barbara, T. Davina McClain of Loyola University of New Orleans and Joseph Garnjobst of Hillsdale College in Michigan. In selecting the recipient of each scholarship, the committee will give attention to the quality of the applicant's work in Greek and Latin, intention to teach at the secondary-school or college level, and contribution to the activities of Eta Sigma Phi at the local and national level.

To receive the application forms, members should send their names, the chapter into which they were initiated, and the date of initiation to

**Professor Caroline A. Perkins, Chair
Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee
Department of Classical Studies
Marshall University
Huntington, WV 25701**

The application packet may also be requested by e-mail: mailto:perkins@marshall.edu. **Deadline for completed scholarship applications: February 1, 2005.** The recipients will be announced about March 1, 2005.

Eta Sigma Phi, the National Classics Honorary Society (<http://www.etasigmaphi.us>)