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Virginia State Capitol, the oldest state capitol in continuous use.



The Poe Museum, housed in the oldest house in Richmond, erected in 1686.



The White House of the Confederacy.



Richmond, Va.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Forty-second National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi will convene at 9:00 a.m. on April 10, 1970, in the Jackson Room of the Hotel John Marshall, in Richmond, Virginia. Megas Prytanis Michael J. Adelman, assisted by Megas Hyparchos H. Lee Perkins, Megas Grammateus Delora Pelosi and Megas Chrysophylax Thomas H. DeMoss, will preside at the business sessions on Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11. Beta Gamma Chapter at the University of Richmond is the host for the meeting. Prytanis Greg Daugherty, Hyparchos J. Darryl Foster, Grammateus Laurie Talley, Corresponding Secretary John Crute and Chrysophylax Bob Blanton are officers of Beta Gamma Chapter, and Professor Stewart Wheeler and Dr. Mary Beaty are the Advisors.

The business meeting on Friday will adjourn at 12:00 noon, permitting the delegates time for lunch. From 2:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. workshops will be conducted in the Jackson, Byrd and Lee Rooms. We plan to offer provocative and up to date discussions of topics of vital concern to all classicists. These workshops will be offered twice in two fifty minute periods, in order that the delegates may attend more than one. The third period has been reserved for Regional meetings and committee work. The Annual Banquet will be held at 5:30 in the Marshall Room.

Dr. Frank M. Snowden of Howard University will address the members of the convention at the banquet. He has chosen the very interesting and timely topic "Attitudes toward the Blacks in the Greco-Roman World". Professor Snowden is a Harvard University Ph.D. He served as U.S. Cultural Attache to Italy, as Dean of Howard University and as chairman of the Classics Department there. His most recent publication is "Blacks in Antiquity" just released by Harvard University Press. Professor Snowden will also deliver a lecture on the Negro in Greek and Roman Art at the University of Richmond on the evening of April 9.

After the banquet delegates will be free to enjoy the sights and pleasures of Richmond and to meet informally.

The second business meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and the convention will adjourn at 1 o'clock. There will be an optional trip to Williamsburg at 2 p.m. The complete program for the convention is on page 7.

Our convention city, Richmond, Capitol of Virginia since 1779, is a blend of the old and the new South, where traditions and gracious living are combined with modern progress and thought.

History books spring to life here when one stands in the very pew in quaint St. John's Church from which Patrick Henry inflamed the colonies with his "Liberty or Death" oration; in visits to the stately, Jefferson-designed Capitol Building; to John Marshall's and Robert E. Lee's homes; the Confederate and Valentine Museums, and the battlefields surrounding the City

Visitors find they can virtually step next door to some of the world's largest and most modern manufacturing plants, (You are invited to see your favorite brand of cigarettes being made in the Tobacco Capitol of the World); to up-to-date shopping centers, and beautiful new

residential sections. They will also enjoy cultural and entertainment facilities and attractions such as the Virginia Museum and the Barksdale Dinner Theater. In addition, the wife of the late Bishop James A. Pike will be speaking at the University of Richmond on Friday evening.

On May 13, 1607, Captain Christopher Newport, Captain John Smith, and their adventurous followers landed at Jamestown, Virginia, and established the first permanent English Settlement in America. A few days later a small company of these explorers pushed off from the land once again, sailing up the James River. They were stopped by the falls. At these falls grew Richmond.

Although Richmond long had been one of the leading cities of the Nation, the Civil War put it in the spotlight of public interest. For four harrowing years the Federal Armies hammered almost incessantly at the gates of the Capitol of the Confederacy until it was finally

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A scene from a recent University Players production Oedipus the King in the Jenkins Greek Theatre at the University of Richmond.

U. of Richmond

Scholarship Winners

Athens: 1969

(Mrs. Mayo was the winner of the 1969 Scholarship to Athens. In her letter accompanying this report Mrs. Mayo said her idea in writing was 'to try to make my fellow Eta Sigma Phi members want to go too': I'm sure you'll agree she has succeeded.)

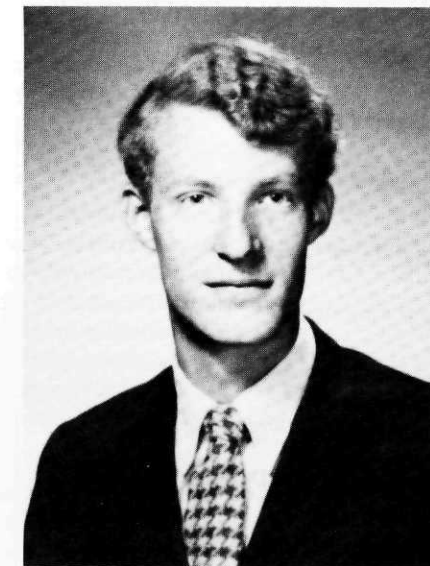
I have found that those who are not acquainted with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens are surprised to learn that our group of twenty students spent much less than half of our six-week session in Athens and we never entered a classroom. It is true that the ASCS has elegant facilities, including an excellent library, but we rarely stayed in Athens more than a few days in succession. Our trips (usually by our chartered bus, but occasionally by plane and boat) varied from one day to nine, and we traveled north as far as Delphi, south to the tip of the Peloponnesus, west to Olympia, and east to Crete and Rhodes. A typical day in Athens or on the road consisted of a morning visit to a site, picnic lunch by the sea (swimming and short siesta included), an afternoon visit to a site, and dinner at 8:30. At the sites we were instructed by our director, Dr. William Wyatt, by fellow students (we each had been assigned a topic a month before we left home), or by an archaeologist who was particularly familiar with the site. This was one of the most exciting aspects of the American School: that we could hear the men who had such intimate knowledge of the sites, whom we had known previously only through their books and articles, and who had actually been there when some of the most important archaeological finds were made. It was a privilege to have Professor Carl Blegen, who had been present when the first Linear B tablets were found at Pylos, conduct us through Nestor's Palace. Likewise, none of us will soon forget climbing the mound at Marathon with Eugene Vanderpool or sitting in the shade of a column on the Acropolis as he explained the Propylaea and the Erectheum with such clarity and vividness.

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Athens: 1970

William Cole, Jr. was awarded the scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens for the summer of 1970.

William is a graduate of Randolph—



Macon College where he was a member of Delta Pi Chapter. He is now teaching in public school in Richmond, Virginia where he is "helping some turned-off senior English students discover that literature has piercing possibilities, working with seventh graders in exploratory Latin, and writing my own textbook for a combined second and third year class since neither textbook suits both classes. And an elite group is taking elementary Greek after school". Indeed 'a full life'.

Of his interest in Classics William writes "One of the reasons perhaps that I feel an affinity for the Classical writers (my favorites are Homer, Lucretius, Vergil and Horace) is their deep feeling for the earth and Order, a sympathy which I share since I was raised on a farm amid the subtleties and savageries which these poets describe so well. In a paper my senior year at Randolph—Macon College, I investigated the different interpretations of nature in Homer and Vergil, using Plato as a centerpiece. The writings of Mircea Eliade, Marshall McLuhan, A. B. Lard, Eric Havelock and Ernst Cassirer contributed greatly to my study."

Rome: 1970

Rosemary Wieczorek is this year's recipient of the scholarship to the American Academy in Rome. A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she is a member of Beta Omicron Chapter, and a senior at Mount Mary College where she is majoring in the Classics and mathematics, and minoring in Physics. "People are always asking me about this strange combination, and I can only reply that it was Fate. I enrolled in my first Latin courses partly because I liked the language, but mostly at the persuasion of my teachers. But now, no persuasion is necessary; I'm thoroughly enthralled by Latin and Greek."

Chairman of the Beta Region, she is also Chairman of the High School Relations Committee, an endeavor of the Milwaukee area chapters which is encouraging high school Latin students to continue their studies in Latin.

In her spare time Rosemary enjoys reading—particularly Lord Peter Wimsey



mysteries because "he's a classicist at heart"—golf and the piano; she also likes sewing and knitting.

Last year she was awarded the Sister Mary Dorothea Scholarship for Classical Studies. A Dean's List student, she is also a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honor society, and she was recently interviewed for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship.

She plans to do graduate work in the Classics, and then to become a college teacher.

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Athens, continued

You may have noticed that I mentioned shade—yes, Greece is hot and the sun is piercing, yet, accustomed as I was to Virginia's sultry summers, I found Greece's heat really bearable, almost invigorating. One learned to seek out shade, but once there you could be comfortable even at noon because of the almost complete lack of humidity. This, coupled with the nearly constant breezes (especially on the Acropolis, where I suddenly understood why the drapery on the Parthenon's pedimental figures is wind-whipped in appearance) and the cool nights, made for an unexpectedly comfortable summer. (Another good feature for the weary tourist is Greece's abundant good water which is always served chilled.) We were pleasantly surprised to discover that rarely could we have wished for better accommodations on the trips.

Another question you may ask is who were the students. Out of a group of twenty, approximately half were graduate students, and the undergraduates ranged from rising juniors to just-graduated seniors. We had a valuable opportunity to share our experiences and interests with each other. Too often classics departments are too small or students are too busy with their own projects to share their ideas with those who are interested in different aspects of classics. Some of us were interested in art, some in drama, or history, or religion, and one student even played the Delphic Hymn to Apollo for us on his clarinet as we sat on a hotel balcony in Delphi watching the sun set.

I could go on and on about the hospitable Greek people, the pastry shops, the goats, the blueness of the sea, the view from Acroinith, but you must go there too. I hope you will.

Next year's convention will be held in Beta region which includes the Canadian Provinces, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota and Kentucky. Any chapter in this region that would like to host this convention should address a formal invitation to the Delegates to the Forty-Second Convention and send it to the Megast Grammateus.

Classical Associations: The American Classical League

This is the first in a series of guest articles by officials of the various national and regional Classical associations. This series will give you some idea of the aims of these organizations so that you will be better able to choose which ones to join. It is important that all classicists belong to and actively participate in classical organizations—national, regional and local—for their own professional stimulation and to provide joint efforts to further the cause of the Classics.

Professor William M. Seaman, Professor of Classics at Michigan State University, was a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter while studying at the University of Illinois.

The address of the American Classical League is Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 45056 if you would like to receive more information about the League.

The American Classical League, now in its fifty-first year, has long been associated with the campaign to keep the study of Latin in the secondary schools. Early in its history, it was ACL which conducted the now famous *Classical Investigation*, which had much to do with the change of Latin textbooks from dry, dull grammar books to texts which introduced more interesting reading, coupled with material which formed a course in classical civilization in general.

In the minds of some people ACL has been an association of high school teachers. But it should be remembered that many university professors of renown were its leaders: people like B. L. Ullman, W. L. Carr, Lillian B. Lawler, Walter Agard, Van L. Johnson, and many others. In recent years ACL has asked to be considered as the co-ordinating body for all classics teachers on all levels from high school (or junior high) through graduate school. For it is a well-known fact that the various local, regional and sectional classical societies tend toward fragmentation. From its inception ACL has had as its governing body a Council which was made up of representatives of all classical organizations in the land.

The ACL Newsletter

The ACL Newsletter is the principal voice of CAUSA (Classical Action USA), the co-ordinating arm of the ACL's Classical Crusade. The Newsletter is edited by Professor John F. Latimer, Executive Secretary of the American Classical League.

The Classical Crusade aims (in the words of the Newsletter) 'to strengthen and improve the study and teaching of the Classics in American education at all levels, to encourage former students of the Classics to renew their interest and revive their knowledge of our ancient heritage, and to make the general public

more fully aware and appreciative of that heritage'.

The need for an active Crusade is pointed up by the report contained in the January 1970 Newsletter of enrollments in Latin and Greek classes throughout the country. The report shows an overall decline in enrollment of 38% since 1965. As Professor Latimer notes 'Unless something is done to check this trend, the decade ahead will see Latin phased out of secondary schools and both Latin and Greek fighting for existence in the colleges. The problems we face as a profession have never been so

Although the ACL office in Oxford, Ohio, on the campus of Miami University, serves as a central office, where the membership files are kept, where *Classical Outlook* is printed and distributed, where the Service Bureau has its stocks and mailing room, and where the Junior Classical League has its center, we have tried to operate a national office also at the center of things in Washington, D. C. At George Washington University Dr. John F. Latimer, former president of ACL, acts somewhat as a lobbyist and keeps a finger on the pulse of what is going on at HEW, Congress, and NEA.

One of the difficulties of carrying on a crusade to save Latin is the fact that Latin teachers are not "joiners" and will not rush to sign up as members of an organization which is vital to their existence. The response to questionnaires, for example, is very disheartening. At the same time, high school Latin teachers complain that university professors hold aloof and are not interested in their affairs. To them I would say that all they need to do is ask for help.

Because of the inroads of modern language growth and perhaps because of the increased emphasis on such things as "relevant" courses for minorities, Latin now is faced with its greatest threat in history. We do not know if it is a dying cause, but many of us in ACL will continue to fight for what we consider to be valuable. To this end Latin instruction has to undergo changes which are being instituted in many places. And we will try to keep the classics alive even if it means teaching them in "humanities" courses. We invite the cooperation and support of all those who believe that there is worth in studying the civilization of Greece and Rome which is our heritage. Especially we invite the aid of the students, for this seems to be their age.

Professor William M. Seaman
 President, American Classical League

serious. They may be stated very baldly and very simply: We must make the study of Latin a more meaningful experience for those who elect it in the secondary school and college. We may talk about the values of classical studies, particularly Latin, with the eloquence of a Cicero, but unless we demonstrate those values in the classroom, the future is bleak. We must talk about values, yes. But if we do not get the student in the classroom, the cause is lost before we have gone much farther.'

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Among The Chapters

DELTA ETA
Seton Hill College

The highlight of the Autumn season was our Initiation ceremony on November 5 followed by a Greek dinner with spirited Greek music. Lovely souvenir Greek menus were compiled by Sister Rose de Lima Henry, moderator.

Other activities included an archaeological lecture on Greek and Roman art by Dr. Paul Chew, an eminent archaeologist and curator of the Greensburg Museum of Art.

The final important event of the semester was "Venite Ad Cabaret," a Latin Hootenanny for area high school students on December 5. Students, parents and teachers alike enjoyed the evening of Roman costumes, folk songs and popular tunes performed by individual groups and the audience itself. Four prizes of ten dollars each were awarded in different talent categories. Because of the students' and teachers' response, we have decided to make this an annual event.

Dr. Paul Chew will speak on January 20 on "Roman Imperial Art". On Febru-

ary 4 Delta Eta will have Dr. Podlecki of The Pennsylvania State University as its guest speaker on "Pericles And The Poets."

Sandra Herred
Pyrtnis

DELTA ZETA
Colgate University

Delta Zeta chapter has co-sponsored several lectures with the J. C. Austin Classical Society of Colgate University. G. Ronald Kastner (Chrysohylax of Delta Zeta chapter) gave an illustrated lecture on "Roman Ruins in France" on November 13. Two lectures were held on November 20: Mr. Bruce Brown, Colgate University librarian, presented a lecture-exhibit on "Some Ancient Books in a Modern Library," and Associate Professor Robert L. Murray gave an illustrated lecture entitled "Two Travellers View Old Athens." On December 9 the tape-film program, "Why Study Foreign Languages," prepared by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages was presented in cooperation with the Colgate University German Department. The Chapter plans more such activities for second semester.

Convention, continued

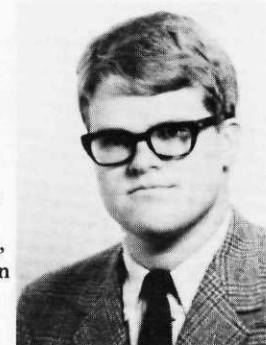
burned and evacuated in April, 1865. Then came the trying years of the Reconstruction. Today those troublous times are memories. Skyscrapers have risen on the Ancient Hills.

The City has numerous institutions of higher learning, including the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Union Theological Seminary, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Virginia Union University and your host the University of Richmond.

The University of Richmond is a privately endowed, liberal arts institution with about 6000 students in seven divisions. The main campus is located in the fashionable West End of Richmond, about six miles from the city center. The campus itself is 350 acres of beautiful rolling woodlands overlooking the James River Valley. The quaint Gothic buildings of Richmond College, the men's division and Westhampton College, the women's division, are nestled among ancient and stately pines, and are separated by Westhampton Lake. One of the focal points of the campus is the Boatwright Memorial Library with its Gothic spires dominating the Science Quadrangle and

the Lake. It houses a collection of over 200,000 volumes as well as the University Administration and the Virginia Baptist Historical Society. Only recently completed is the Fine Arts Building. A center of the cultural and artistic life of the University, it houses the Camp theater.

Two recent events mark the University as one of increasing importance among educational institutions. The first is the magnificent gift of E. Claiborne Robins of Fifty Million dollars, the larg-



Greg Daugherty,
Prytnis of Beta
Gamma Chapter,
your Convention
host.

est endowment to a private university in recent history, which will insure the financial security and progressive development of the University. The second is the establishment of the Institute of Mediterranean Studies at the University of Richmond. The Institute is separate from the University, but degrees earned by work at the Institute will be granted by the University. This should be of especial interest to all of us because the Institute plans call for it to become one of the leading centers of Classical study in the nation. Many programs have already been initiated and development is in full swing. Members of Beta Gamma will be happy to discuss it with interested delegates at the convention.

Very soon the chapter advisors will receive additional information and reservation instructions. It would simplify matters greatly if the chapters would make their plans early and answer promptly. With your cooperation this should be the best convention yet.

In addition to the other activities, Beta Gamma will attempt to offer a bus and guided tour to Williamsburg, following the adjournment of the Convention. If you are interested please send in your reservation early, as we have to have forty people to make the trip. It will be enjoyable and memorable experience for all who go.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

To be held at Richmond, Virginia, April 10 and 11, 1970
Beta Gamma Chapter, University of Richmond, Host
Hotel John Marshall, Convention Hotel

Friday, April 10, 1970

8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. First General Session

Business Meeting

Minutes of Forty-First National Convention
Roll Call of Chapters and Chapter Reports
Report of Megs Chrysohylax
Report of Chairman of Board of Trustees
Report of the Executive Secretary
Report of the Committee on Contests
Report of the Committee on Scholarships
Report of Megs Hyparchos

12:00 Noon Lunch

2:00 - 2:50 First Workshop Period

3:00 - 3:50 Second Workshop Period

4:00 - 4:50 Regional and Committee Meetings

5:30 P.M. Annual Banquet

Address: Dr. Frank M. Snowden, Howard University:
"Attitudes toward the Blacks in the Greco-Roman World"

Saturday, April 11, 1970

9:00 A.M. Second General Session

Business Meeting (Concluded)

Election and Installation of new Officers

1:00 P.M. Adjournment of Forty-second National Convention

2:00 P.M. Bus leaves for trip to Williamsburg, returning to the Hotel John Marshall about 7:30 P.M.

The ACL Newsletter, continued

Many individuals and groups throughout the country are attempting to do something about this situation. One of the important functions of the ACL Newsletter is to discover these efforts and report on them on a national scale so that other classicists may benefit from them. In the January issue a few of the projects summarized were Latin by the

Auto-Graphic Method in New York, Educational TV in Ontario and Cleveland, Humanities Programs in junior colleges (Michigan) and high schools (Minnesota), a conference on Latin programs in inner-city schools (Pittsburgh), the Junior Classical League's Summer-Study Tour to Italy and Greece, the ACL Teacher Placement service and even Eta Sigma Phi's Milwaukee area Speakers' Bureau. All these groups *agentes rem nostram*.

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- Delta Kappa:** Carroll College
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- Delta Lambda:** College of the Holy
Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts
- Delta Mu:** Illinois State University
Normal
- Delta Nu:** La Salle College
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Valparaiso, Indiana



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CONVENTION

A good time was had by all! All twenty-two chapters who attended the Forty-second National Convention held at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Virginia April 10 and 11, 1970.

The convention was called to order by the Megas Prytanis Michael J. Adelman. A welcome was extended to the delegates by Greg Daughterty, Prytanis of the host chapter, Beta Gamma. Megas Hyparchos Lee Perkins responded. The Megas Grammateus Delora Pelosi then called the roll of chapters and the delegates gave their annual reports, relating a variety of activities in promoting interest in the Classics (including a 'Happy Birthday, Rome' billboard) and raising money (e.g. selling refreshments at basketball games). Megas Chrysophylax Tommy De Moss then gave the treasury report of the various receipts and expenses of the past year.

Miss Wilkins' bequest

Professor Theodore Bedrick gave the report of the Board of Trustees. He announced the bequest to the Fraternity of 10,000 dollars in the will of Miss Maureen Dallas Wilkins. He also revealed that Miss Wilkins was the 'anonymous donor' who had for years supported the contest program. The Executive Secretary, Professor Mary Ann Burns, reported that there are 78 active chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. She also thanked the many people who have helped her this year. Professor Bedrick, as Chairman of the Committee on Contests, explained the decision of the Committee and of the Grand Executive Council to limit the number of contests to those in which there was sufficient participation (the contest winners are listed on page 2). The Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Professor Graves H. Thompson, gave the report of that Committee. The scholarships were awarded to Miss Rosemary Wieczorek for

Rome and to Mr. William C. Cole, Jr. for Athens. The committee recommended that the date for application be moved forward next year because the Christmas holidays interfere with the circulation of the applications among the members of the Committee. Also suggested was the possibility of having a third scholarship if Fraternity income permitted it.

New Chapters

The Megas Hyparchos Lee Perkins reported that petitions for charters had been received from Southwest Missouri State College and Eastern Illinois University.

The Grand Executive Council approved both these petitions and the Convention concurred. The Megas Prytanis then announced the names of committee chairmen and invited delegates to volunteer for these committees.

Workshops

In the afternoon session two workshops were held. In the first Professor

Laura V. Sumner of Mary Washington College gave a talk on Roman coinage, illustrating it with coins from her personal collection. She passed many of these coins among the delegates and it was quite obvious why one was called an *aes grave* and why the expression 'heavy as lead' is so appropriate. In the second, Professor Stuart Wheeler of the University of Richmond spoke on the multi-sensory approach to the teaching of Latin and, with the assistance of Sister M. Isaac Jogues, demonstrated some of the techniques. Everyone found both workshops entertaining and enlightening. After the workshops, regional and committee meetings were held.

Dr. Snowden Speaks

The banquet was held Friday evening, featuring such regional specialties as cream of peanut soup! Speaker at the banquet was Dr. Frank M. Snowden of the Classics Department of Howard University who spoke on *Attitudes toward the Blacks in the Greco-Roman World*. Dr.

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Beta Upsilon's billboard in downtown Huntington, West Virginia

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Snowden, the author of the recently published book, *Blacks in Antiquity*, traced the evidence for the presence of blacks in different periods of Greek and Roman history from Trojan War times on. From a study of this evidence (a great deal of which was from sculpture) Dr. Snowden concluded that there was no prejudice against blacks because of their color and that intermarriage between blacks and whites was accepted.

At the Saturday morning session the Committee reports were given. The Amendment Committee proposed study of a possible amendment to the constitution according to which national convention would be held every two years and regional conventions in the alternate years. The Convention instructed the incoming officers to act as a committee to consider this. The incoming officers were also instructed, as a result of the report of a special committee, to study the question of setting minimum standards for the admission of new chapters to Eta Sigma Phi. (The officers will study these questions and report to the members during the coming year). The Committee on Time and Place reported that no invitations had been received but they suggested St. Louis or Milwaukee as possible sites for the convention. The Resolutions Committee expressed the gratitude of the convention to all involved in the planning and running of the meetings. The Board of Trustees nominated Professor Oscar E. Nybakken for another term of office and Professor Bernice Fox to replace Professor Grace Beede, who is retiring at the end of this year. The Convention approved these nominations.

Elections followed and the results were: *Megas Prytanis* H. Lee Perkins of Hampden-Sydney College (this year's *Megas Hyparchos*); *Megas Hyparchos* Delora Pelosi, Seton Hill College (this year's *Megas Grammateus*); *Megas Grammateus* Richard Horton, Wake Forest University and *Megas Chrysohylax* Alexander (Sandy) Graham, Hampden-Sydney College.

The Executive Secretary installed the new officers. The new *Megas Prytanis* then took over the meeting. After thanking the members, Lee called for a motion to adjourn and so ended the Forty-second National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi.

1970 Contest Winners

The Contest Committee announces the results of the 1970 Contests. Supervision of the grading was handled by Professor Lewis A. Sussman of Delta Sigma Chapter at the University of California, Irvine. The members of the Contest Committee are Professor Theodore Bedrick, Chairman, Professor John Helms and Sister M. Isaac Jogues.

GREEK TRANSLATION (17 participants)

- FIRST PRIZE: Geryle M. Tracy, Gamma Phi Chapter, Le Moyne College
- SECOND PRIZE: Sandria Ewers, Delta Alpha Chapter, Randolph-Macon Women's College
- THIRD PRIZE: Alice Jean Patteson, Delta Alpha Chapter, Randolph-Macon Women's College

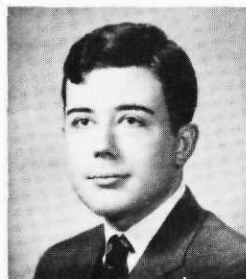
LATIN TRANSLATION (42 participants)

- FIRST PRIZE: Karen Agee, Theta Chapter, Indiana University
- SECOND PRIZE: Margarita Serbia, Delta Gamma Chapter, Marywood College
- THIRD PRIZE: G. Edward Gaffney, Psi Chapter, Vanderbilt University

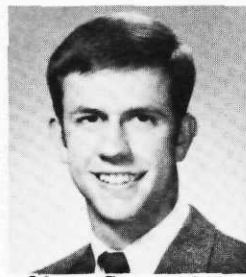
LATIN COMPOSITION (14 participants)

- FIRST PRIZE: Harry Lee Perkins, Beta Theta Chapter, Hampden-Sydney College
- SECOND PRIZE: Shaye Cohen, Gamma Delta Chapter, Yeshiva University
- THIRD PRIZE: William C. Wanbaugh, Beta Upsilon Chapter, Marshall University

Congratulations to these winners and to all who participated in the contests.



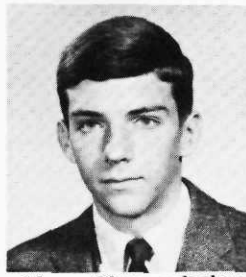
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H. Lee Perkins



Megas Grammateus
Richard Horton



Megas Hyparchos
Delora Pelosi



Megas Chrysohylax
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"SKY-DANCERS"—THEN AND NOW

by Lillian B. Lawler

(Dr. Lillian B. Lawler, Emeritus Professor of Classics at Hunter College, is the recognized authority on the Dance in Ancient Greece and has published extensively on the subject. Professor Lawler has been a friend and supporter of Eta Sigma Phi for many years and we are very grateful for this latest expression of her interest.)

Television viewers of the epoch-making exploration of the moon's surface by American astronauts have commented frequently on the gait of the men as they moved about, and many have called it a "lunar dance." The use of the term is something of an odd coincidence, for the idea of cosmic dances of one sort or another is very old—perhaps one of the oldest orchestric concepts known to man.

Cosmic dances mentioned in Greek literature fall in general into three categories—viz., (1) "dances" of the stars and planets themselves, as they move or seem to move through the sky; (2) dances performed on earth, and designed to portray the movements of the heavenly bodies; and (3) dances which are said to have been performed by beings of one sort or another, on the moon or the sun.

The Greeks had a broader concept of the dance than we do today. Indeed, to them any series of rhythmical movements, made by human beings, animals, plants, or objects of any sort, could be called a dance—and not merely in a metaphorical sense. Lucian, in his essay *On the Dance* (7), speaks seriously of the complicated movements of the heavenly bodies as an actual dance, and, in fact, as the forerunner of all dancing later developed on the earth. Other references to the cosmic dances are to be found throughout Greek literature. For instance, Sophocles, in the *Antigone* (1146), has Dionysus invoked as "dance-leader of the fire-breathing stars," and the Rhetorician Menander says that Dionysus "dances around the heavens, having choruses of stars about him." In an epigram of Marcus Argentarius (*Anth. Pal.* 9, 270), we read of "the golden dance of the stars at evening." In another epigram, interestingly enough by the great astronomer Ptolemaeus (*Anth. Pal.* 9, 577), we find mention of "the innumerable winding, spiral movements of the stars," in which appear words customarily used technically of the dance.

Dances done on earth, in conscious imitation of the movements of heavenly bodies, were of great antiquity even in Greek times. They were performed by Egyptians, Babylonians, and other peoples of the Mediterranean and Mesopotamian areas, as well as by the Greeks. A fragment of a poem by the same Ptolemaeus (Blaydes, 608) says that the Greek cyclic choruses portray the movement of the sun. The anonymous compiler of the *Etymologicum Magnum*, speaking of choral dances (690, 47), says that when Greek dancers encircled an altar, they moved first from the left to the right in imitation of the circle of the zodiac, "which moves in a direction opposite to that of the heavens," i.e., "from west to east." Then, he says, they moved from right to left, imitating the motion of the heavens; and finally they "ran around the whole altar." Though differing in details, his remarks bear a similarity to those of a scholiast on the *Hecuba* of Euripides (647), who says that choral dancers portrayed in the strophe of their

song and dance "the movement of the heavens from east to west," in the antistrophe "the movement of the planets from west to east," and in the epode, singing while standing still, "the stationary position of the earth." The two passages have aroused a great deal of controversy; but without going into all the details, one may suggest that both writers are speaking not of the dance of the chorus of tragedy, which apparently was basically tetragonal rather than circular, but of a very old cosmic dance which may have been one of the ancestors of the cyclic or dithyrambic dance in honor of Dionysus.

Famous dances of the third type are those in the works of Lucian; however, it is highly probable that Lucian's source was the Cynic philosopher Menippus, of the third century B.C. In Lucian's humorous dialogue *Icaromenippus*, in which Menippus himself is presented as the principal speaker, the Cynic gives a detailed account of an imaginary trip through outer space. He tells how he bound upon his shoulders the wing of an eagle and the wing of a vulture, and flew up to visit the moon and also "heaven," the latter ruled over by Zeus. He is well received by Zeus and the other Olympian divinities, and is entertained at a dinner during the course of which "Apollo played the kithara and Silenus danced the kordax." (The kordax, the distinctive dance of Attic Old Comedy, was a notoriously lewd affair, characterized by obscene movements and gestures.) Somewhat different are the actions of the sky-dancers in Lucian's tongue-in-cheek *True History*, in which his hero travels to the moon and gets involved in a war between the "Moonies," under King Endymion, and the "Sunnies," led by King Phaethon. Among the fighting forces of the Sun are the "Air-kordaxies," whose martial dance—again the kordax—is accompanied by the violent slinging of huge radishes as weapons!

Incidentally, these two works of Lucian contain other passages which may prove striking to the modern "space-fan." We recall that one of the American astronauts has said that, viewing the earth from the moon, he discovered that if he stretched his arm forward he could cover the whole earth with his thumb-nail; and he used that fact to urge that we refrain from conflicts upon our small planet, and work for the good of all the peoples of the earth. In the *Icaromenippus* (12 and 18), the Cynic says that the earth, as seen from space, looked very small—much smaller than the moon, and that all of Greece "appeared to be of the size of four fingers." Accordingly he decries pride in possessions, especially land-holdings, which he says are really only "Epicurean atoms."

We recall also that moon-dust recently brought back to earth is said to contain much glass. In the *True History* (I, 25), Lucian's hero says that on the moon "clothing for the rich is made of softened glass, and that for the poor of woven bronze." Upon leaving the moon, he receives as farewell gifts from King Endymion "two glass tunics and five made of bronze." (I, 27).

In the *Icaromenippus* (15-19), the Cynic, following the instructions of Empedocles to hold the vulture's wing still and

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to flap the eagle's wing, is able to see and hear people in all parts of the earth. Later in the same dialogue (25), Zeus in "heaven" hears the prayers of earth-people through openings like wells, with covers which he removes when he is ready to give attention to the worshippers below. In the *True History* (I, 26) we are told that in the palace on the moon there is a mirror hung over a well; and that by looking into the mirror and listening down into the well one can see and hear everything that is said and done on earth. Surely these passages foreshadow something very like radio and television! And so perhaps there is really nothing new under the sun—not even on the moon!

Reminders

The L.G. Balfour Company has notified the National Office that orders received after May 1st will not be mailed out until September. Balfour has found that orders sent during summer vacation tend to become lost. The National Office will therefore hold any orders received from now until September unless specifically instructed otherwise. Balfour also reports *no* increase in the cost of the Fraternity pins for next year.

Have you

- Delivered or sent in your annual report? Reports received will be published in the October *Nuntius*.

- Sent in your vote on the amendment amendment? We need eleven more votes in favor for it to be ratified. It has taken over a year to get replies from 41 of the 78 chapters (39 in favor, 2 against). Unless sufficient favorable replies are received by the end of this school year the amendment will fail. The ineffectiveness of this present method of amending is pointed up by the trouble experienced in getting responses in spite of two letters and three notices in the *Nuntius*. According to our records the chapters that have sent in their vote are: Eta, Theta, Lambda, Pi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Pi, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Alpha, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, Beta Zeta, Beta Theta, Beta Iota, Beta Kappa, Beta Lambda, Beta Mu, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Beta Sigma, Beta Upsilon, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Gamma, Gamma Epsilon, Gamma Eta, Gamma Iota, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Mu, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Chi, Delta Alpha, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta, Delta Epsilon, Delta Eta, Delta Mu, Delta Xi, Delta Pi, Delta Rho, Delta Tau.

Sincere thanks to Greg Daughterty and the other members of Beta Gamma Chapter for a most efficiently run National Convention.

Alan Stanley

Among The Chapters

(These are the annual reports of those chapters in attendance at the convention and of those who sent in their reports. Those not printed in this issue will be in the October Nuntius.)

GAMMA Ohio University

Gamma chapter, located at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, began the 1969-70 school year with a new adviser. After serving nearly a decade Professor Hultgren stepped down and Mrs. C.A. Lushnig now donates her time and energy to our chapter. Our first project was to raise money for the organization. We chose to present a Roman market, at which we sold novelty items which members of our chapter made themselves. Our wares ranged from tables made from discarded telephone cable spools to wreaths of ivy sprayed with gold paint. The sale was not only a financial success but also brought our membership closer together. The publicity we received from our sale was well worth our efforts. At Ohio University where so many organizations predominate we were pleased to inform the students that an interest in the Classics was alive and living in Athens. During the winter quarter Gamma chapter held an open house to interest prospective members in ETA SIGMA PHI. Refreshments were served and some of our members presented a demonstration of modern Greek folk dances. At past chapter meetings we have also presented films on Roman and Greek culture and a reading of the *Menaechmi*. One of the goals which we have set for ourselves this year is to perpetuate an interest in the Classics at the college level. In accordance with our goal we brought to campus Miss Tucker Blackburn from the University of Cincinnati as a guest speaker. Miss Blackburn had recently returned from the Greek island of Ceos where she had been working under Dr. Caskey, as a member of the Cincinnati Archaeological team. She spoke to us of her excavating at sites both in Greece and England, and illustrated her talk with numerous slides. For the remainder of the year we are working toward the realization of a special Classics publication. Our chapter also hopes to bring a Greek Orthodox priest to Ohio University to speak on the use of the Greek language in the Orthodox Church.



Awards to high schools are a major part of many Chapters' activities. Here is Anne Murtaugh with Delta Gamma's awards.

ETA Florida State University

Eta Chapter this past year has initiated seven new active members while losing five. Our chapter is still small but active in the affairs and programs of the university and town communities at FSU. We have had the pleasure of working with the Tallahassee chapter of the American Archeological Society in sponsoring several speakers to the university campus, among them Dr. John Reich, formerly with the University of Manitoba, now at Florida State. We have been successful in our program of having a speaker, either a resident or visiting professor, speak to our chapter and Classics Department at least once a month. Later this year, we hope to sponsor a Latin translation contest among the local high schools with a savings bond as the award. We are aiming toward setting up a similar program statewide, hopefully within two years. April 19th, Eta chapter, the seventh oldest in the nation, will be having its yearly banquet with Spring initiation ceremonies immediately prior. We are encouraging also humanities students interested in Classics who will place their degree emphasis on Classics to work with us in establishing a much farther reaching program than we now have. This year, Eta chapter comes well-represented considering travelling distances. We have a second active member, Sandra Duyck; an initiate, Kathey Gagel; our faculty advisor, whom many of you know, Dr. Bill DeGrummond; and one of our distinguished professors of Classics, Mrs. Kathleen Rankin.

Vern Crawford

LAMBDA University of Mississippi

This year was one of growth for Lambda chapter at Ole Miss. In the fall we plan to initiate six more on April 14. This will give us an abounding roll of twenty-three. Besides the usual activities, Lambda chapter has hosted two Classical Archeological lectures. Also in the fall Eta Sigma Phi aided the Classics Department in sponsoring a Latin weekend at the University for high schools in North Mississippi Classical Association. Major highlight of this weekend was listening to Ole Miss and Archie Manning beating Tennessee. A Latin Translation Contest for High School students and an annual banquet will be held in latter April.

Tommy DeMoss

ALPHA DELTA Agnes Scott College

Alpha Delta chapter of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia initiated five new members this fall, bringing our membership to fifteen. Our programs have concentrated on the Classical Theatre, in discussions presented by the members. Two highlights of this series were the discussions of Euripides' *Bacchae* and Plautus' *Miles Gloriosus*. We also enjoyed the puppet production of *Oedipus Rex* presented on campus by Peter Arnott.

Harriette Huff

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ALPHA EPSILON
Lehigh University

This year Alpha Epsilon chapter has continued programs instituted in the past few years, with one exception: the film series, which we ran so successfully in '68-'69, had to be dropped this year owing to conflicts and duplications in the campus calendar. We initiated four new members in the fall at a ceremony and banquet held on December 10, 1969. Current plans call for a spring initiation to be held on April 16, with possibly six new members enrolled. In connection with the spring initiation, we shall be awarding prizes to the winners of the contest we ran on March 14 for high school students in the Bethlehem area. This contest was given on three levels, for second, third and fourth year Latin students; it involved in every case translation of an unseen passage, i.e., sight translation, from Caesar, Vergil or Cicero. The prizes will be ETA SIGMA PHI silver and bronze medals. The turnout for the contest was numerically very disappointing as compared with previous years. One factor in the decline is the drop in Latin enrollments in our local high schools. As to other factors that may be involved, we should welcome suggestions from any chapter with experience in

this line. Perhaps sight translation has less appeal for present day students than, say, an essay question. Our only additional activity was to act as co-sponsor of two archeological lectures on campus, one in the fall and one in the spring. In sum, we can say that Alpha Epsilon is enjoying a moderately successful year, and that we expect to continue our programs in the following academic year.

Robert C. Asher

ALPHA PI
Gettysburg College

The first meeting of the year was held on September 25, 1969 in the Classics Building, President Tom Weischadle presiding. Possible initiates were considered. The Amendment on amendments was unanimously accepted. Initiation took place on November 13 for the six new members: Wilbert H. Beachy, III, Gretchen Craz, Steven Dorsett, Gordon Frey, Richard Goodlin, and Sara Sue Shields. A banquet followed the ceremony. The Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Spyro Pavlantos, the department chairman, was attended by Mr. Held and Mr. Parks, the chapter's other two advisors, as well as most of the members. On February 23, 1970, the chapter held a meeting during which new officers were elected. They are: president, Tom Weischadle; vice-president, Barbara Boothby; secretary,

Gretchen Craz; treasurer, Gary Wagner; sentinel, Wilbert Beachy. Four representatives volunteered to attend the forty-second national convention in Richmond, Virginia, April 10-11. Mrs. Pavlantos will be the faculty representative. Dennis Kohl is taking the Eta Sigma Phi Greek translation test, and Tom Weischadle and Barbara Boothby are taking the Latin translation test. Alpha Pi is sponsoring its annual High School Latin Contest again this year. We are looking forward to another spring party at Mr. Park's home this year.

Gretchen Craz

BETA ALPHA
University of South Dakota

Chartered in 1938, Beta Alpha is the only chapter in South Dakota. 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 an annual \$25.00 contribution to the national Endowment Fund. In its program of fostering the study of Latin in South Dakota high schools, the chapter administers a Translation Contest, for which book awards are presented. We also sponsor the observance of National Latin

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The Role of Latin in American Education

(This is a recent statement of the National Council of State Supervisors of Foreign Languages. Such a statement deserves promulgation.)

The National Council of State Supervisors of Foreign Languages endorses and encourages the teaching of Latin in American schools.

The rationale offered for Latin is essentially the same as that for the modern languages; through the study of a foreign language the monolingual and monolingual individual expands the boundaries of his own relatively narrow world to circumscribe a world which is at once more cosmopolitan. It is this very fact of foreign language study which makes languages crucial to the humanities.

Yet the continuing value of Latin to today's curriculum rests in its uniqueness. Latin presents the student an opportunity to develop a sense of the significant past by coming into direct contact with the Roman world. The late William Riley Parker, Distinguished Service Professor of English at Indiana University, said: "To live intellectually *only in one's own time* is as provincial and misleading as to live intellectually *only in one's own culture*." The importance of the past from which all Western civilization has evolved is self-evident.

That Latin differs in its grammar from most languages commonly taught in our schools—even radically in the case of English—illustrates again the unique contribution this ancient language can make. Since Latin is one of the highly inflected languages, its contrast with English is especially sharp. The potential of Latin to create general linguistic concepts within the speaker of English makes it an ideal instrument for developing a deeper understanding of language *per se*.

As a means of building an historical perspective of developing linguistic concepts, of creating a sense of judgment based on understanding of the past, Latin remains unsurpassed.

Although benefits do accrue from even a brief encounter with a foreign language, it is generally recognized that

language competence results from extended sequences of study. The values of the study of Latin outlined here assume that a person will have the opportunity to pursue his study for three to six years.

Multi-sensory methods and materials especially suited to the interests, needs and abilities of secondary school students can make the teaching of Latin more meaningful than using a traditional approach at these levels.

As modern languages move on the educational spectrum into the elementary and junior high schools, the number of youngsters studying two or more languages becomes increasingly widespread. There is justification to encourage the student who has begun a modern language at an early age to add Latin during his junior high school years.

The Council urges educators to reassess the values of Latin to the curriculum. The continuing decrease of Latin enrollments in the schools is alarming to many. This decrease can most readily be attributed to the small number of Latin teachers being prepared by colleges and universities; retirement of the Latin teach-

er sometimes means dropping Latin from the curriculum.

The Council encourages the American Classical League in its efforts toward developing standards for teacher education in Latin and disseminating information about new methods and materials in the teaching of Latin. Latin teachers and their modern foreign language colleagues realize that the value of any foreign language study is, in the final analysis, directly dependent upon the effectiveness of their teaching.

Endowment Fund

Individual contributions to the Endowment Funds have been received this semester from Miss Lillian B. Lawler and Miss Christie Husmann. Chapters contributing included Beta Theta, Beta Kappa, Gamma Omicron and Delta Rho. Beta Upsilon Chapter made a contribution in memory of Cheryl Shumate, a former member of Eta Sigma Phi. The Fraternity is indeed grateful for the generosity of these individuals and groups. Such contributions help toward the \$20,000 goal.



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Week, awarding for the best scrapbook report of activities a travelling trophy of a Balfour Roman Lamp of Learning. Chapter officers have given talks to High School Latin classes, and Beta Alpha will be represented at a regional JCL meeting next week. Our only fund-raising project this year is the sale of Greek note-cards, printed from the decorative art work for the book on *Greek Drama* edited by Dr. Beede, our sponsor. One of our members, and former convention delegate, Mike Cady, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and has received a fellowship for study at Stanford next year. Our year's programs have included, in October, a group excursion to the South Dakota Education Association Latin Roundtable, for which one of our former members, now on the faculty of Macalester College in St. Paul, was consultant and guest speaker. Beta Alpha chapter, as a group seated at a special table, attended the university's College Lecture, one of the academic highlights of the year. One of our most interesting chapter programs has been the presentation, by Professor Ramon Harris, ancient historian honorary member of Beta Alpha chapter, of his research on the existence and nature of the Roman stirrup, an example of which archaeology has not yet brought to light. The chapter has also entertained for Dr. Brent Froberg of Ohio State University, who will come next year as successor of Dr. Beede, chapter sponsor and Trustee of Eta Sigma Phi. This year's activities will culminate in an Initiation-Honors Banquet.

John Snyder

BETA BETA

Furman University

Our chapter inducted two new members. We are distributing medals to outstanding high school Latin students.

Kenneth M. Holland

BETA GAMMA *University of Richmond*

With our fourth annual picnic this year being held at Virginia Beach, Beta Gamma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi will conclude the most active year of its short existence. Our principal activity was hosting the Forty-second National Convention on April 10-11, at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. The highlight of the convention was certainly the banquet address of Dr. Frank M. Snowden of Howard University. We have also sponsored talks by Professor Stuart Wheeler on "Greece Yesterday and Today", Mrs. Rachel Whitelock of Quantico High School on her long experience on teaching Latin, Dr. Ward Jones of William and Mary on Horace's trip to Brundisium which he illustrated with his own slides, and Dr. Laura Sumner of Mary Washington College who lectured on the "Birth of an Archaeological Dig." We also took a group tour through the newly remodeled Classical World section of the Virginia Museum in February. At our initiation on March 10 we received a new active member and also initiated as an honorary member, Mr. Ralph A. Elmore. Mr. Elmore, prominent Richmond businessman, was recognized for his long-standing devotion to the ideals of Antiquity and his generous support of the Department of Ancient Languages at the University of Richmond and the Institute of Mediterranean Studies, which he was instrumental in founding. Rounding out the year we will conduct the Second Annual Eta Sigma Phi Medal Latin Translation Contest, and we intend to again award medals to outstanding high school Latin students in the area. At present there are 104 Active members in Beta Gamma chapter.

Greg Daugherty

BETA THETA

Hampden-Sydney

This year Beta Theta chapter at

Hampden-Sydney College has continued to foster interest in classical studies. Our first step toward achieving this goal was to sponsor a movie on Greece, supplied to us by our visiting Classics professor this year Dr. Arthur M. Young, former head of the Classics Department at the University of Pittsburgh. We conducted two initiations this year, each followed by our traditional chocolate punch reception hosted by Dr. & Mrs. Graves H. Thompson, who have generously assisted us in our activities over the years. We were privileged to have two distinguished speakers this year, Dr. Bernard Knox presented an imaginative evaluation of Euripides as "the most tragic of the poets." A few weeks later we heard an informative talk by Dr. Robert Scranton on the archaeology of an ancient harbor. We are also planning to administer the annual Latin contests at a local private school. We believe that these tests have encouraged high school students to continue their classical studies. Our recently elected officers have already begun to make plans for next year. Among our projected activities is a Classics Emphasis Weekend. We hope that a number of chapters will be able to attend. Finally, we are pleased that our treasurer has allowed us to donate \$25.00 to the Eta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund.

A. C. Graham, Jr.

BETA IOTA

Wake Forest University

This year Wake Forest College became Wake Forest University. We also have a new adviser. Professor John E. Roberts replaced Dr. C. B. Earp, chairman of the Classics department, as our adviser. We have thirty-one active members and will soon be voting on and initiating new members. During this year we heard a lecture on the *Odyssey* by Professor John Finley of Harvard University. In the Fall Beta Iota will spend a weekend retreat in the Blue Ridge Mountains.