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An Open Letter From H. Lee Perkins



Megas Prytanis H. Lee Perkins is a senior majoring in Classics at Hampden-Sydney College. The Fraternity's Megas Hyparchos last year, he is a member of Beta Theta chapter, which he now serves as Prytanis. He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Delta Epsilon (national nonorary journalistic fraternity), and Sigma Upsilon (national honorary literary craternity).

Lee's other activities include acting as business manager and member of the iterary staff of the *Garnet*, Hampden-Sydney's literary magazine, and membership in the Glee Club. He was awarded the David C. Wilson Greek Prize, given annually to a student at Hampden-Sydney. Lee hopes to someday teach on the college level.

All the members of the Executive Council are vitally interested in the Fracernity's future and, with Lee as a leader, should accomplish much.

Note: The application date for Summer Scholarship application has been advanced to November 15. Be sure to get your application in on time. See page 8 for details.

A recent report has shown that since 1965 there has been an overall decline of 38% in enrollment in Latin and Greek classes throughout the country. It appears that if this trend continues, classical studies will be phased out of the academic programs of most colleges. This unfortunate event could, indeed, happen in the very near future. Already, in many colleges a person majoring in either Greek or Latin can expect to attend advanced classes composed of only three or four students. It may be true that these small classes provide an ideal learning situation, but they are, nevertheless, a dangerous luxury, for college administrators in increasing numbers have become unwilling to allow Latin and Greek courses with such small enrollments to be taught. Amid these unfavorable conditions, every member of Eta Sigma Phi should take seriously his promise "to encourage classical scholarship, to enhance the appreciation of Greek and Roman cultures, and to promote good will and friendship among classical students."

There are many ways a local chapter can help to foster interest in classical studies. Quite a few chapters have brought in prominent classicists to speak to the student body of their college. Some chapters have promoted well-organized meetings to which they have invited members of chapters from other colleges. And, of course, many of our active chapters have sponsored programs and contests in secondary schools.

One of the goals of the present national officers is to form a committee which will attempt to locate colleges with classical departments that do not have a chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. These colleges will be sent letters informing them of the fraternity chapter admission requirements. We hope that this procedure will add more dedicated members to the fraternity. Another project of your national officers will be a revision of the fraternity's constitution, which will allow the organization to act much more efficiently and quickly. If you have any advice concerning these goals or other matters which should be brought to the attention of the executive council, please do not hesitate to contact any of the national officers.

It is the hope of the executive council that there will be a wider participation in the fraternity's contests and scholarship programs. In addition, we cannot stress too much the importance of regular contributions to the Endowment Fund.

I hope that each of you will have a successful year in carrying out programs which will benefit the cause of classical endeavor. I am looking forward to seeing all of our chapters represented at our national convention in the spring.

Sincerely yours, H. Lee Perkins Megas Prytanis

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From the Secretary's Desk

The 43rd National Convention will be held March 26 and 27, 1971 in St. Louis, Missouri at the invitation of Beta Zeta Chapter at St. Louis University. Further details will appear in the next issue of Nuntius. Begin now to plan to come and to have one (or more) of your members run for national office. It's your Fraternity-Be Active!

Please return the Annual Questionnaire as soon as possible. A new part has been added. In an effort to keep in contact with our graduates, we are asking for the addresses of graduating members. May we ask chapter secretaries to be very careful in spelling the names of new initiates. A mistake means a new certificate and unnecessary expense.

New Address for Medal Orders

Your attention is invited to the annual report of the Medal Fund which appears in this issue of NUNTIUS. You will notice that the fund was forced to borrow \$265.00 from the national treasury this year to meet its expenses, which would seem to indicate that the fund is not solvent. This is not true, however, since we have on hand with the Medallic Art Co. a large number of medals for which we have already paid, whereas in years past our inventories were considerably lower, but we had more money in the treasury. The Medallic Art Co. now requires us to purchase medals in quantities of one hundred rather than in quaninventories have increased, and our cash on hand has decreased. The fund is still solvent.

There has been a steady decrease in the sale of medals in recent years, and during this past year the decrease has been greater for all three medals. An increase in the price of medals could account for part of this. This trend does indicate a decrease in the number of schools in which Latin is taught. But our local chapters do not give very good support to this project of the fraternity. Last year only thirteen chapters awarded medals in local high schools. In making your plans for the new year, please remember to include the awarding of medals in your local high schools.

Medals are now to be ordered from your Executive Secretary. I have continued to serve as Registrar of Medals since Professor Burns became the Executive Secretary because of the changing policies of the Medallic Art Co. Now I pass this additional task on to her. But in leaving I urge you to support this part of the program of Eta Sigma Phi because the awarding of medals in high schools has proved to be an effective means of encouraging the study of Latin. And at the present time we need to use every means possible to maintain Latin in the curriculum of the high schools.

H. R. Butts

Sincere thanks to those who voted on the Amendment Amendment. I am happy to report that it finally passed. Amendments may now be passed by a 2/3 vote of two successive national conventions.

Among The Chapters

(These are the annual reports which could not be printed in the May issue. Chapters are encouraged to read these reports for ideas on possible activities).

BETA KAPPA

College of Notre Dame of Maryland

Beta Kappa may well be the smallest active chapter but the size of our group has definitely not limited our activities this year. We began the scholastic year with a lecture on Erasmus given at the college by the renowned Thomas More scholar, Abbe Germain Marc' hadour. November found us immersed in preparation for a Latin Day for high school students, complete with a three round contest and a production of the Menaechmi by our members. About 120 high school students and teachers attended. In December we made the rounds of a series of lectures at Walters Art Gallery. At our February meeting, Miss Catherine Dix, a former member of Eta Sigma Phi, demonstrated her remarkable multi-sensory method for teaching of the classics. The highlight of the year was the Classics Day we presented in March for college students, professors and classics lovers. This program, which drew nearly 100 guests, included a performance of the Suppliants, a lecture on the Carmina Burana, and a talk by Dr. Dorothy Hill of Walters Art Gallery. May will bring our initiation of new members as well as our annual banquet. We also plan to attend the opera Dido and Aeneas to be presented by the New York Chamber Soloists at Goucher College. Thanks to the assistance of our associate members and the ability and enthusiasm of our advisor, Sister Thérèse Marie, this has been a successful year for Beta Kappa Chapter.

Helen M. Morris

BETA NU Mary Washington College

The Beta Nu chapter began the year with an initiation ceremony for members who were not able to attend last year. We were among the clubs which were represented by a display at the ICA Open House and which volunteered to serve as guides for incoming freshmen. I have spoken on my collection of Roman Coins to two high schools. We are currently trying to organize a Senior Classical League

for interested students at Mary Washington, and will soon help to organize a Roman Banquet for some of the local high schools. We will also have a joint meeting with Randolph-Macon later this month.

Carol Peterson

BETA SIGMA

Marquette University

Colloquium held at Mount Mary in Octo-

Marquette was represented at the

ber. Marquette held the joint initiation of Milwaukee chapters at Nino's Steak Ranch in November. Mr. John Franzmann spoke at the ceremony. We felt that his talk on Women in Antiquity was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended. We labelled the night a success, as about seven new members were accepted. The Beta Sigma chapter also sponsored this year's College Day in early December. It was held in our newly constructed and recently dedicated Modern Language Building on campus. The attendance was low, but those high school students who did attend expressed their appreciation for our concern for them. We also take this opportunity to thank all the professors as well as advisors for Eta Sigma Phi who made the day possible. December and January proved to be our heaviest months for making visits to near-by high schools for our share in the speaking load for the High School Relations Board. The trips proved very gratifying to those speaking and, we hope, those who listened. In late March our chapter held a joint meeting with Sigma Delta Pi, the Spanish Honorary Fraternity on campus. Our advisor Mr. Peter Theis presented an illustrated lecture on "Roman Spain." The talk was followed by an informal discussion as well as refreshments. In April Marquette sponsored a lecture entitled "A Humanist at Bay" delivered by Prof. Paul L. MacKendrick from The University of Wisconsin. It was free and open to the public. The attendance was close to 100 people. All the local chapters were invited, as were all the Classics students from the surrounding high schools. It was agreed that this event was one of the most successful of the year. April also brought a little bit of trouble to our Chapter, as we found ourselves unable to attend the National Convention due to financial burdens, i.e., a lack of money. We find ourselves to be increasingly enjoying our monthly meetings where the attendance



Megas Hyparchos Delora Pelosi is a senior at Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Last year Delora served as Megas Grammateus for Eta Sigma Phi. She is presently a member of Delta Eta chapter of the Fraternity, which she serves as Secretary-Treasurer. Her other activities include serving as Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Collegiate Press Association and being on the Editorial Board of the Setonian, the college newspaper. She is a member of the National Senior Classical League and was recently elected a student representative to college govern-

Delora's career goal is to become a teacher of Latin, French and Italian. She plans to attend graduate school in the future.

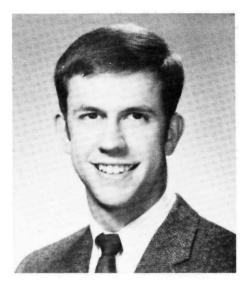
has been excellent since we have taken advantage of the kitchen cooking facilities available in the faculty lounge of the Modern Language Building. Meetings usually consisted of about one half hour business and an hour of eating and drinking. We became a very close knit fraternity as a result of these socials as well as a group of cooperative friends and workers. We also plan to have a summer picnic this Spring. Our annual elections will also take place at our next meeting.

Al Shannon

BETA UPSILON Marshall University

In April last year members of Beta Upsilon chapter celebrated the birthday of Rome with a billboard advertisement

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Megas Grammateus Richard Horton is majoring in Latin at Wake Forest University. He is currently president of Beta Iota chapter and is also acting as proconsul of Sigma Chi social fraternity. At Wake Forest he is a member of the U.S. Army ROTC program and is interested in all types of sports.

Upon graduation Dick plans to enter Law School, following which he will serve in the Army for two years.

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in downtown Huntington. The billboard read, "Happy Birthday, Rome, from Latin Students, Marshall University agentes rem nostram." Our slogan, a paraphrase of a line in Juvenal, was picked up by Dr. John Latimer of the American Classical League and published in the January issue of the ACL newsletter. In May medals were presented by Eta Sigma Phi members to outstanding fourth-year students in Latin. On a sadder note Miss Cheryl Shumate, a Latin teacher at a junior high school in Charleston, W. Va. and a 1969 Marshall graduate who had been a member of Beta Upsilon for three years, died last month of spinal meningitis. Beta Upsilon chapter is offering a contribution of \$85.00 to the national scholarship in memory of Cheryl. A senior member of Beta Upsilon chapter, Miss Kathy Jarrell, has accepted a three-year NDEA Fellowship at Bryn Mawr College. Miss Jarrell was in Italy and Greece last summer for study and travel. Four new members of Beta Upsilon chapter were initiated April 4 at a luncheon meeting in Huntington. This brings our total membership to 14.

GAMMA GAMMA

The University of Wisconsin— Milwaukee

Gamma Gamma chapter continues its major annual functions. In May of 1969 we sponsored a Latin contest for first and second year high school students. The tests covered vocabulary, grammar and comprehension. Prizes of medals and books were awarded and there were refreshments and opportunities for socializing for all. In November of 1969 we initiated two members as a joint initiation of Milwaukee area chapters. Throughout the year our members have participated in the high school relations committee's speaker service of the Milwaukee area chapters. We have been pleased by the success of this project. Our monthly meetings at our advisor's home are pleasant opportunities for social and intellectual stimulation as well as for carrying out the business of the fraternity. On April 18, 1970 Gamma Gamma Chapter hosted the convention of Wisconsin Eta Sigma Phi chapters. We had a luncheon, business meeting, coffee hour and an address by Professor Roy Swanson, chairman of Classics at UWM and editor of the Classical Journal. Currently our members are working on this year's high school contests. We hope to have even more participating than the 144 who took the tests last year. We are proud to report that our chapter vice-president has been selected for a generous fellowship at Harvard where he will continue his studies in classics.

Linda Soike

GAMMA DELTA Yeshiva College

The main activity of Gamma Delta chapter the past year was a symposium on the evening of February 26. Over 70 students and faculty members came to hear three distinguished professors, invited for the event, lecture on the effects of Hellenism and Roman culture on classical Judaism. Professor Ranon Katzoff explained why Roman Law had but scant effect on the Talmud, while Professor Marshall Hurwitz demonstrated the influence of Alexandrian exegetical methods on the hermeneutics of the Pharisees. Professor Morton Smith lectured on the orthodoxy of the masses in Palestine during the second commonwealth. On the Ides of March we assembled in the home of our faculty advisor and inducted new members.

Shaye Cohen

GAMMA IOTA Wabash College

In the course of the year 1969-70, Gamma Iota chapter, for the third successive year, took part in the selection of participants in the Summer Honors Abroad Program for Indiana High School Students of Latin, which is sponsored by the Indiana Classical Conference. The Chapter assisted in developing and grading the written screening test. Gamma Iota chapter continued its program of Medal Awards to outstanding Latin students in Montgomery County, Indiana, and also participated in the 1970 Eta Sigma Phi Contests. Another activity included the partial financial sponsorship of two of its members who were to accompany the Indiana Latin Honors Group during its eight-week summer travel-study program in Italy and Sicily. The Chapter raised the money from the sale of refreshments at the College basketball games.

Jon R. Pactor

GAMMA OMICRON Monmouth College

This is the fourteenth consecutive convention at which Gamma Omicron chapter has had a representative; and, as usual, we are contributing to the Endowment Fund. In keeping with two other traditions, we sent newsletters to our alumni and personal letters to those incoming students who had an interest in Classics while in high school. In May of last year, we had as our guest, Dr. Raymond L. Den Adel of Rockford College. He visited classes and presented a slidelecture on "Schliemann at Troy and Mycenae." A number of our programs this year have been descriptions from firsthand experience of places of classical interest ranging from an excavation site in Lincolnshire, England to ruins in Greece and Italy. And, of course, we had our annual Saturnalia Party. We also hosted the District series of the Illinois State Latin Contest. As an endeavor for the coming year our chapter will be editing the Illinois Classical Conference Newsletter. We are all pleased that Dr. Graydon Regenos from Tulane has been appointed to our faculty; he will replace Dr. Ralston, our Greek professor, who will be retiring at the end of this year. Our May meeting will be a dinner in Dr. Ralston's honor.

Kathryn Gardels

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DELTA ALPHA

Randolph-Macon Women's College

On October 9, 1969, Delta Alpha represented all clubs with a classical outlook at an activities night for Randolph-Macon underclassmen. Because of the interest shown, the Classics Club was revived and joined Delta Alpha in the presentation of several programs during the year. Under the auspices of these two clubs, and with the help of several of the departments, the color film of the Oresteia, which was made at Randolph-Macon several years ago, was shown on March 10, 1970. Miss Eleanor Struppa, who was responsible for the choreography, and Dr. Henry Hallstrom, who composed the musical score, presented a lecture on the making of the movie and the fitting of the score and the chants to the action. Invitations were sent to faculty members and to Randolph-Macon students who have an interest in classics, dance, or music, as well as to neighboring colleges and secondary schools. A lecture by Dr. John Ziolkowski, a former Randolph-Macon professor who now teaches at George Washington University, has also been planned for the near future. His topic will be "The Competitive Spirit in Greek Literature." A year-long project has been the cleaning of the small antiquities collection that was presented to the Classics Department by Dr. Herbert C. Lipscomb. It is hoped that a catalogue of the pieces will also be compiled. Delta Alpha intends to continue its tradition of awarding medals to area secondary school students who excel in Latin.

Sandria Ewers

DELTA GAMMA Marywood College

During the year 1969-1970, our Chapter has participated in several activities. The following are a few of the more important ones. On Saturday, October 4, 1969, Eta Sigma Phi members participated at the Innovative Latin Conference, the theme of which was "Latin in the Lunar Age." The Conference, which took place at Marywood College, was attended by classroom teachers of Latin, consultants in foreign language study, and curriculum directors and administrators. Guest speakers included: Dr. Richard Scanlon of the University of Illinois, Mr. Henry Dudek of the Pennsylvania Classical Association, Dr. Charles Graber of New York State University, and Miss Clara Ashley, author of Living Latin. On November 11, 1969, nine girls were initiated into Delta Gamma chapter. Following the induction a party was held for both the former and the newly elected members. The most recent activity sponsored by Delta Gamma has been the Latin College Bowl held on March 14, 1970 at Marywood College. Sixteen high schools attended the Bowl. Winners were St. Cyril's Academy from Danville, Pennsylvania and Kingston Central Catholic from Kingston, Pennsylvania. The next event on our calendar is Class Day on Saturday, May 23, 1970. On this day thirteen Seniors will be honored for their participation as members of Delta Gamma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi.

Anne Murtaugh

ANNUAL REPORT ETA SIGMA PHI MEDAL FUND

RECEIPTS: Overpayments 4.75 Total receipts Accounts outstanding 45.75 \$1111.32 DISBURSEMENTS: Payments to Medallic Art Co. for Medals \$1003.15 Total disbursements \$1019.65 INVENTORIES: Medals in custody of Medallic Art Co. and paid for: 47 large silver medals @ \$4.65 \$ 218.55 79 bronze medals @ \$1.20 94.80

DELTA KAPPA Carroll College

This past year Delta Kappa chapter in cooperation with the other Milwaukee area chapters has concentrated on our High School Relations Committee. The committee contracted Latin instructors in the high schools of the surrounding districts to inform them of the proposed speaking program. Each chapter was then responsible for filling the requests for their topics. These requests were numerous. We in Delta Kappa chapter prepared these topics: superstitions of the Roman people, the Etruscans, and Roman drama. The first two were each presented four times and the latter was given three times both for Latin classes and extracurricular organizations (Latin and Humanities Clubs). Our program committee also used these topics for presentation to our mem-

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bers. The work in this area has not come to an end; speaking engagements have been made for this semester also. During the fall semester, members of Delta Kappa chapter participated in both the Colloquium, a discussion of the Amphitryon, and in the College Day. An initiation was held on March 1, 1970. We received four new actives: Candance Demko, Robert Friedrich, David Layman, and Elizabeth Linley. Merle Bartels and Jean Gustafson were received as associative members. This semester our time and energy has been spent in preparing our annual program for high school students. We have written a script in travelogue form entitled "Idiots Abroad: Cultural Odyssey" to be presented on April 30, 1970. The inspiration for this program comes from a trip to Greece and Italy which many of our members made during the month of January. Our focus this year has been toward the high school students rather than our own members. More evaluation will have to be made, but the results do not seem unfavorable.

Carol Anderson

DELTA LAMBDA College of the Holy Cross

Delta Lambda chapter of the Eta Sigma Phi reporting! Projects right and left have occupied us the last three years and, specifically, in the school year 19691970. We take particular pride in telling you about our Classics Day, organized three years ago and flourishing now. This year Classics Day was held on Saturday, March 14. The purpose of C.D. is to encourage love and esteem of the Classics among high school students of New England. Over 200, accompanied by their teachers, came to Holy Cross and stayed for the day (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—and later!) When the Classical Association of New England convenes at Holy Cross this year, two of us will have the honor of addressing the Association on the following subjects; John J. Dowd on Thucydides and Naval Power and David G. Pagano on Thucydides and His Latin Imitators. Delta Lambda members have also assisted in the proof-reading for Classical Folia and its supplementary publications. Prytanis David Pagano, Paul Clark, Edward Vodoklys, Thomas Sienkwicz have given special help in this regard. Besides the papers which some of us will read to CANE, the prologue of the Ajax of Sophocles, in the original Greek, will be acted by the following members: Galen Graham, Thomas Putich and James Daley. In the course of the past three years members of Delta Lambda have been called upon to lecture to high school audiences

in the Worcester County area, while those

of us who are also members of the Hel-

lenic Tradition Seminar gave lectures on

themes related to the author currently

studied. Recently, for example, James Daley and David Pagano gave lectures on Thucydides at a local High School. May the sanity of the Greek and Latin Classics always prevail!

John J. Dowd

DELTA PI

Randolph-Macon College

The Delta Pi chapter at Randolph-Macon College, though a relatively new addition to Eta Sigma Phi, is rapidly growing. Our installation proceedings for new members were carried out on April 24, 1969, when the chapter inducted seven new members in addition to the active membership totaling twenty members. After the initiation, there was a banquet for the new members of the chapter; Professor Laura V. Sumner of Mary Washington College delivered the companion papers, "Who Was Romulus?" and "Who Was Remus?" In October of 1969, our chapter sponsored the viewing of a film entitled Oedipus Rex by interested Randolph-Macon College students. In November of 1969, our chapter also sponsored the viewing of a film concerning life in ancient Greece. During our most recent meeting on March 12, 1970, members discussed representative poems of Catullus and Ovid, commenting especially on the style and subject matter of the re-

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spective poems. At the upcoming initiation of new members in late April we hope to have a joint meeting with the Mary Washington chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. The existing arrangement for Eta Sigma Phi activities at Randolph-Macon involves periodic dinner meetings followed by a program during the early evening. Although a young chapter, we are confident that Delta Pi will be an asset to Eta Sigma Phi.

C. Cooper Bell, iII Charles H. Leavitt, Jr.

DELTA RHO Radford College

Delta Rho chapter has held monthly meetings from September through April. Although no definite project has been undertaken, members have tried to increase interest in Latin on Radford campus and have kept in touch with home town high schools, encouraging the continuance of Latin on that level.

Ruth U. Williamson

DELTA SIGMA University of California, Irvine

Venera vinum et balnea faciunt vitam.

The Delta Sigma chapter of Eta Sigma Phi enjoyed considerable success in 1969-70 because of the happy union of the Bacchic and Apolline elements of the chapter. A stimulating discussion of Horace's Exegi Monumentum poem, with considerable attention devoted to the function of Melpomene, was enriched with large casks of red wine and Swiss, string and Gouda cheese. All members participated in both aspects of the meeting, to a greater or lesser degree, although it must be confessed that when the meeting was adjourned the Bacchic element was not in control. The above format was followed at all of our meetings with the Hera-Zeus episode (Iliad 14) digested with large portions of spiced meatballs and Sangria. A slide lecture on archaeology was given by one of our members who participated on a dig in Southern France, along with large mugs of ouzo. We found that the relaxed atmosphere in which we conducted our meetings went a long way towards slaying the dragon of stuffiness and lack of interest that so often preys upon Classics departments. During our annual initiation ceremony ten

new members were admitted to our chapter. After the ceremony we discussed ways in which high school students could be familiarized with Classics on the University level. A committee was appointed to explore the possibility of going into high schools on career days. We are in the planning stages of our Cena Californiensis, UCI, which we hope to make an annual event. Committees on ancient dress, food and drinks, and entertainment are now hard at work to insure the authenticity of our banquet.

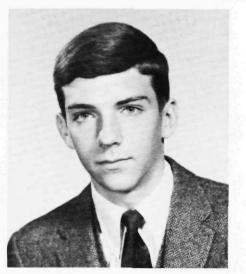
John Barnett

DELTA TAU University of Delaware

supported the efforts of Mortar Board to

In October members of Delta Tau

launch a tour guide for the members of the National Honor Society in the Delaware High Schools. Eta Sigma Phi led the groups interested in classics, showing them the campus and explaining the curriculum of the classics department. In November the Delaware Classical Association invited Eta Sigma Phi to attend their meeting. We felt it would be beneficial to learn first hand the position of classics in the high schools. The source of the decline of enrollments in Latin courses we learned was due to the administration and the guidance counsellors who advise students against Latin in preference to other courses. The convention did make the high school teachers aware that, at least at the University of Delaware, Latin is required of modern language majors. Hopefully this communication to the administrations will change the situation. The convention also confirmed our plans to have direct contact with the high school students. In December, the new president of the University of Delaware, President Trabant, called upon Eta Sigma Phi to help assemble one day for a symposium. It centered around the role of the new student. We helped to assimilate various topics and to select well-rounded panel discussions. Among the topics of special significance to our organization were the role of the Greek system of education on the college level, and the relevance of classics to the modern world, American society, and the individual. The Eta Sigma Phi chapter at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland invited fellow members and other interested parties from the University of Delaware to attend their Latin Day on March 21. It was certainly a worthwhile trip. The



Megas Chrysophylax Alexander C. Graham, Jr. is a junior majoring in Classics at Hampden-Sydney College. He is a member of Beta Theta chapter, which he serves as Pyloris. He is also serving Eta Sigma Phi as regional chairman this year. He was formerly historian and president of his class, and is presently the treasurer of Sigma Nu social fraternity. He is also a member of the Circle K Club, the Young Republicans Club, the Student Assembly and the school tennis team. He was awarded the David C. Wilson Memorial Greek Prize, given annually to a student at Hampden-Sydney.

Sandy plans to continue his studies after graduation, with a career in either business or law as his goal.

special demonstration given by Miss Catherine Dix of the audio-visual method of teaching Latin and Greek was a stimulant for all of the members looking toward a teaching career in the classics. On April 25 Eta Sigma Phi will attend the annual convention of the Junior Classical League to encourage the continued study in classics. In early May Eta Sigma Phi in cooperation with the University of Delaware Classical Association is planning its annual banquet for the high school students. A guest speaker together with the classics department faculty will be present. Also at this time the initiation of new members and elections for the next year will take place. Because of the small number of active members we have been somewhat limited in carrying out all the activities we had hoped. However with the new initiation the Delta Tau chapter is looking forward to a prosperous 1970-



THE ETA SIGMA PHI SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1971

The Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity are pleased to announce that two scholarships will be offered in 1971 to enable one member of Eta Sigma Phi to attend the 1971 Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece, and another to attend the 1971 Summer Session of the American Academy in Rome, Italy.

The Scholarship to the American Academy in Rome will have a value of \$550.00, carrying a stipend of \$350.00 granted by the Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi and remission of the \$200.00 tuition fee by grant of the American Academy.

The Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens will have a value of \$600.00, including a stipend of \$300.00 granted by the Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi and remission of the \$300.00 tuition fee by grant of the American School.

Six semester hours of credit may be earned at either summer session, which is applicable toward an advanced degree in Classics at most graduate schools, provided advance arrangements have been made.

Selection of candidates for the scholarships is exercised by the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee, whose members are Professor H. R. Butts of Birmingham-Southern College, Chairman, and Professors Brent M. Froberg of the University of South Dakota, and Philip N. Lockhart of Dickinson College. Enquiries and requests for application blanks should be addressed to Professor Mary Ann Burns, Executive Secretary, Department of Classics, The University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201.

Eligible to apply for the scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members and alumni who have received a Bachelor's degree since January 1, 1966 or shall have received it in or before June 1971, and who have not yet received a doctoral degree. In selecting the winner of each scholarship the Committee will give attention to the quality of the applicant's work in Greek and Latin and his intention to teach at the secondary school or college level.

The applicant must submit a transcript of his undergraduate work, letters of recommendation and a statement not to exceed 500 words of his purpose and reasons for desiring the scholarship. Applications must be submitted to Professor H. R. Butts, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama 35204 by November 15, 1970. The winner of each scholarship will be announced about January 15, 1971.

For the Scholarship Committee H. R. BUTTS Chairman Volume 45

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Announcing The 1971 Contests

1) TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GREEK TRANSLATION CONTEST

This contest will consist of the sight translation of a passage in Greek which is considered within the comprehension of students in the second year or above of the study of Greek.

2) TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL LATIN TRANSLATION CONTEST

This contest will consist of the sight translation of a passage in Latin chosen in reference to students who have had two or more years of Latin in high school (or the equivalent in college) and at least one or more semesters in college.

3) FIFTH ANNUAL LATIN PROSE COMPOSITION CONTEST

This contest will consist of the translation of a passage of English into Latin. This contest is intended for advanced students of Latin who are in their third or fourth year of college Latin.

Written notice of a desire to participate, postmarked not later than February 8, 1971, must be sent to the Executive Secretary, Mary Ann Burns, Classics Department, The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. Materials will be mailed by her in time for the contests to be administered simultaneously in all competing schools during the week of February 22, 1971. Contest papers in all of the above contests are to be forwarded to the Executive Secretary and must be postmarked not later than March 1, 1971. Each paper must be accompanied by an identification page, which will be supplied in advance of the contest. There is a limit of three papers from any one school in each contest.

Decision as to place in the various contests will be made by members of the Eta Sigma Phi Committee on Contests, who will identify the papers by code designation only.

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PRIZES

First prize in each contest will be \$35.00; second prize \$25.00 and third prize \$15.00.

ELIGIBILITY

The above contests are open only to students in classes in Greek and/or Latin in colleges and universities which have active chapters of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

CORRIGENDUM

A serious and much regretted typographical error occured in last May's issue of *Nuntius*. In the report of the Convention, the name of our most generous benefactor should have read Maurine Dallas *Watkins* not Wilkins.

Meet Me in St. Louis

The Forty-third National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi will be held March 26th and 27th, 1971 at St. Louis University located in the Gateway to the West city of St. Louis, Missouri. The home of the Beta Zeta Chapter has several features which we feel will be of great interest to all the attending chapters. The University's Pius XII Memorial Library houses the unique Vatican Film Library. The Vatican Film Library collection consists primarily of microfilms of the manuscripts in the Vatican Manuscript Library in Rome. One of the richest manuscript collections in the world, the Vatican Manuscript Library has been a primary source of information for the history of Western Civilization for many centuries. Its collection dates back as far as the Fifth Century.

This Jesuit university is also fortunate in being able to claim a very fine Classical Language Department. Father John Welch, S.J., its chairman, received his degree in Classics and Linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania. Another distinguished member of the department, Dr. Chauncey Finch, who has done a great deal of work in the Vatican Film Library, has published numerous articles concerning these manuscripts. Dr. Finch is one of the country's finest paleographers. Other members of the department include Fr. Hayworth, S.J., Fr. Heithaus, S.J., Mr. Sullivan, and Mrs. Nisbet.

We of the Beta Zeta Chapter feel that the convention should be a great one. We sincerely wish to see every active chapter represented. You will be receiving information about hotels and other details early in 1971.

Steve Bumgarner Grammateus, Beta Zeta Chapter

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From the Secretary's Desk

Be Active! Participate in the contests-let's have a representative from every chapter in every contest.

Be Active! Start planning for the National Convention in St. Louis. Choose your representatives, save your money, think about a national officer from your chapter.

Be Active! Return the annual questionnaire now and the financial statement when you initiate new members. These forms are the only means of keeping the national records up-to-date.

Be Active! One convention overlaps another in the planning stages. Next year's convention will be held in Alpha region

VALE ATQUE AVE

The Board of Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi has lost an old member and gained a new one this year.

Professor Grace L. Beede, a member of the board since 1964, retired last June. Professor Beede has been a faithful friend of the Fraternity and of Classics for many years. Besides being a Trustee, Miss Beede has served the Fraternity in many capacities, most recently as a member of the Scholarship Committee.

As Chairman of the Classics Department at the University of South Dakota and adviser to Beta Alpha Chapter, she has inspired and encouraged a love of and enthusiasm for the Classics among her students. Beta Alpha Chapter has been one of the most active in the Fraternity and a most consistent participant in national conventions, often coming great distances to attend.

Eta Sigma Phi is most grateful to Miss Beede for her past services and wishes her many years of happy retire-

As a replacement for Miss Beede, the Forty-second National Convention unanimously elected Professor Bernice L. Fox. Miss Fox is adviser to Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College, another small but very lively chapter. Eta Sigma Phi is fortunate in acquiring another dedicated member for its Board of Trustees.

MEDAL ORDERS

Orders for Eta Sigma Phi medals should be sent to the Executive Secretary Professor Burns, not to Professor Butts. The prices are as follows: large silver medals \$5.00, small silver medals \$2.00, and bronze medals \$1.25.

which includes New England, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and Washington, D.C. Any chapter in this region wishing to host the 1972 convention should address a formal invitation to the delegates to the Forty-Third Convention and send it to the Megas Grammateus Richard Horton, Wake Forest University, Box 7284 Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27109.

BLACKS IN ANTIQUITY

Frank M. Snowden, Jr., Blacks in Antiquity: Ethiopians in the Greco-Roman Experience, Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1970, \$12.50.

It seems an unlikely topic, the black man in classical antiquity: swarthy Ethiopians (the commonest ancient designation for blacks) among the blond gods and light complexioned Greeks and Romans, Africans among the first Europeans, Moors making their first acquaintance of Italy. Greece and Rome were white civilizations with some unpleasantly familiar characteristics, ethnocentrism, a willingness to call foreign cultures barbarian, a facility in rationalizing slavery as natural or divinely sanctioned. They do not seem to be likely places to search for a record of blacks.

And vet, Frank Snowden, a black classicist at Howard University, has taken this seemingly unpromising subject and produced a surprising and exciting book. It surprises us in part by the sheer mass of material. He cites over 150 ancient authors whose testimony helps clarify the role of blacks in classical antiquity. The book contains over 100 illustrations of ancient art works depicting blacks. And many of these, though rarely seen, are of extraordinary artistic as well as anthropological and historical interest. Snowden's book is a comprehensive and learned synthesis of what can be gleaned from both literary and archaeological sources about this inexcusably, shamefully neglected subject.

It is, however, no mere compendium but an exciting and challenging investigation. For when the record is compiled, it emerges that despite all the signs of chauvinism among the Greeks and Romans, there is little evidence of racism. They

display a fascinated, almost child-like, interest in the color and physiognomy of blacks, but no inclination to base upon these differences moral or social judgments. Even allusions to interracial marriages are not accompanied with denunciations of miscegnation. "There is nothing in the evidence," concludes Snowden, "to suggest that the ancient Greek or Roman established color as an obstacle to integration in society."

Nor is the reason for this, as has sometimes been thought, the comparative rarity of blacks in these white societies. The evidence collected in this book shows that blacks were not an unusual sight in Greece or Rome. Although quantitative precision is impossible, the number of references to blacks from Homer down to the early Christian writers strongly suggests that they constituted a substantial percentage of the population. Snowden does not waste time speculating whether certain well-known individuals were black or not. The impressive, and to my mind persuasive, case that the dramatist Terence was black is relegated, for example, to a footnote (of which there are over 600 in this book of 364 pages!). But his central thesis gains rather than loses credibility by this approach. The evidence persuades by bulk and cumulative effect, rather than by ingenuity of argument in detail. In particular one cannot skim through the illustrations without feeling that blacks must have been very familiar, at least to many Greek and Roman

The author hesitates to commit himself about the reasons for this apparent absence of racial prejudice. It is sufficient for him to document the fact and refute the mistaken Continued on page 6.



Two of the main sights of St. Louis, the 630 feet high Arch and the Mississippi River gleam in the night sky.

NEW INITIATES 1969-1970

The following is a list of initiates reported to the National Office from September 1, 1969 to September 1, 1970. The Fraternity is pleased to welcome all these new members.

Gamma: Jacqueline Aldrich, Rebecca A. Charton, Kathie Clausing, Esther Poulakos, Judith Robinson, Susan Marie Walker

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An Open Letter Response to H. Lee Perkins From An Inactive But Interested Member of Eta Sigma Phi

Your open letter in the November 1970 issue of Nuntius struck the same chords of prediction and exhortation which were being played when I received my first copy more than ten years ago. I agree with your analysis of the current state of the classics in high school and college curricula, and with your prediction of the negative changes which are imminent at many schools, but I disagree somewhat with the types of preventive and remedial actions which you recommend to members of Eta Sigma Phi.

There is no doubt that total enrollment in Latin and Greek classes is declining nationwide. It will continue to decline, both in total numbers as well as in the per cent of all students who study any foreign language, in high school or in college. Although this may be a cause for alarm, I'm not sure that anyone can really say that it is bad, or that the quality of education in the United States will be reduced unless this trend

Just as the rise of sputnik in the 1950's resulted in a reexamination of the role of math and science in American education, so the social movements of the 1960's have resulted in a reexamination of the role of social studies. In both cases the pendulum is still swinging between extremes, and in both cases the arts, humanities, and foreign languages have been viewed through a series of filters: the ideal, the possible, and the necessary. This situation is continuing into the 1970's, and it is not likely to change.

As long as elementary and secondary school districts have financial problems, the introduction and expansion of the

study of languages into elementary school curricula is unlikely. As long as good students look toward scientific and business careers, math and science will be pushed in high schools. (Math through calculus is now required in many Business Administration degree programs). As long as ethnic backgrounds and travel opportunities influence students and parents, modern Western European languages will be more popular than all other types. As long as colleges and graduate schools admit students without a foreign language background, and as long as high school and college students have freedom of choice (and need to choose), enrollment in languages will not increase dramatically. The one exception will probably be Spanish, because of the obvious involvement of teachers, social workers, medical and paramedical personnel with persons of Latin American, Cuban, and Puerto Rican heritage.

If all of us who have studied or are studying Latin and Greek joined together in one unified endeavor, we might succeed in keeping Latin in all high school curricula from which it has not already disappeared, and we might also keep the classes fairly well filled. Perhaps we could accomplish the same at the college level. However, I'm not convinced that this should be done. The 1970's will see American education caught up with social, financial, and academic problems. Priorities have to be determined and compromises have to be made. The olympic torch must of necessity be dimmer in this environment; it can no longer (if indeed it ever has) shine brightly from every academic mountaintop.

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ADDENDUM

(The following report was omitted from the annual reports published in the last

DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER

Texas Tech University

Delta Omicron Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi began the 1969-70 school year

with a new sponsor, Mr. James Holland, and a program presented by Dr. Peder Christiansen on Happiness, Aesthetics, and Barbaric Invasions. The Barbaric Invasions were followed at the next meeting by Dr. Mary Brewer who graciously hosted at her home a discussion of Classics and English Literature.

Eighteen new members were initiated in April with plans for the following year discussed. The last official function of Delta Omicron Chapter was a banquet in May recognizing outstanding students in Latin and Greek, Father Thomas McGovern was guest speaker, presenting a discussion regarding Classical Studies curricula in education. At our final meeting just prior to the dismissal of school, officers for the following year were elected.

Larry Holley

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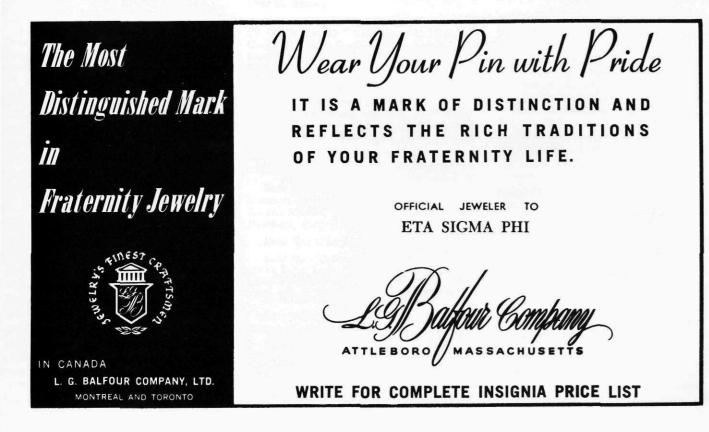
notion that there were only a few blacks to be found in Greece and Rome. But an answer is implicit in much of what he reports. It is especially interesting that the first Greek allusions to blacks come at roughly the time that black Ethiopians of the kingdom of Kush were diplomatically and militarily active. They had conquered Egypt around 730 B.C. and won a well deserved reputation for military prowess and, it would appear, for piety as well. Snowden is properly cautious about the much-disputed questions of the date and composition of the Homeric poems, but it would be a reasonable hypothesis to suggest that Homer's allusions to "blameless Ethiopians," his picture of Ethiopia as a land particularly pleasing to the gods, his selection of a black skinned and woolly herald for Odysseus, Eurybates, are part of the respectful consciousness of black power on the edge of the Greek world. The tradition that represented Memnon, king of Ethiopia and warrior at Troy, as a black may have had a similar source. In any event, just as Greek society was establishing some of its most characteristic institutions, and returning to literacy and order after several centuries of primitivism, the power of a black kingdom was being sharply felt just south of the Aegean. Thus the classical world knew blacks first not as slaves nor as savages needing the gospel of light and truth, but as a successful and triumphant people.

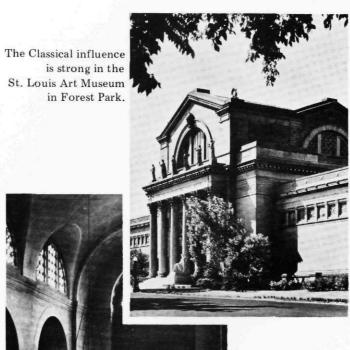
This image of the black man was preserved not only by the traditions of ancient myth and poetry but also by repeated events of history. Black soldiers distinguished themselves in battles during both Greek and Roman times, black ambassadors arrived and were honored in Rome, black devotees of Isis rose to prominence in one of the most widely adopted religions of the Hellenistic and Roman world. Thus, although many of the blacks we hear about in antiquity were slaves or had menial

jobs—dancers, jugglers, boxers, acrobats, animal tamers, gladiators, bath attendants, boot-blacks, cooks, courtesans, divers, etc.—they were never stigmatized as a group suitable only for such occupations. And since men of any race, nationality or station could, if unfortunate enough, be captured and enslaved, and since the slaves of antiquity were as polychrome as they were polyglot, "slave" and "black" never became synonyms in classical times. And for the early Christians the same attitude prevailed, with one slight change: the inclusion of Ethiopians in the church was regarded as essential if the church was to be truly catholic.

The effect was a society free of many of the features of racism. Indeed the signs of bigotry which we find in studying the history of classical antiquity are almost always among the modern scholars, not among their ancient subjects. Snowden, always restrained and unemotional, passes over this shoddy chapter in the history of classical scholarship with only an occasional comment. But the caution, patience, and good sense of *Blacks in Antiquity* make it possible to correct errors and omissions that have passed for the truth and let us glimpse a society which for all its faults and failures never made color the basis for judging a man.—W. Robert Connor

(Professor Snowden delivered the main address at the last National Convention, "Attitudes toward the Blacks in the Greco-Roman World." Many of the ideas expressed by Professor Snowden in this speech are contained in this book. Those who heard the speech were so impressed by it that the publication of this review seemed a good way to bring these ideas to the other members of the Fraternity. This review is by Professor W. Robert Connor of Princeton University and is reprinted with permission from Good Reading: Review of Books Recommended by the Princeton Faculty, Volume XXI, Number III, May, 1970.)





The Baths of Diocletian immediately come to mind when you step inside the Museum.

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It seems to me that the members of Eta Sigma Phi would be more successful in keeping the classics alive if their goals and methods were updated (beginning with the term "the classics", for isn't Sanskrit a classical language too?): 1. They can work on college and university curricular requirements (e.g., permit completion of degree requirements by study of a new foreign language at the introductory level instead of continuous study at the advanced level of a language which was previously studied in high school). 2. They can help promote inter-institutional cooperation, so that language courses offered by one college can more easily be taken by students who are enrolled at others. 3. They can encourage the combination of existing departments via joint appointments so that the quality of teaching in all can be improved. 4. They can work toward the formation of one strong department in cities which have more than one college or university, rather than weaker departments at each institution.

Each and every college cannot afford to offer Latin, no more than it can afford to offer Portuguese or Russian or Chinese or Egyptology or nuclear physics. None can be all things to all men; each must determine what its mission is, and then attempt to do it well. The 1970's will not permit duplication of effort, inefficient use of manpower and classroom space, nor one-man departments. Eta Sigma Phi members and all of its alumni cannot change this educational fact of life. But if the scope of our efforts is narrowed, if our goals are more clearly defined, if our leadership and ambition is well coordinated, then Latin and Greek departments will not be folded and their budgets will not be stolen away.

James S. Frey

(Jim was an undergraduate member of Beta Sigma Chapter and is now Director of Foreign Student Services at The University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. Nuntius publishes his response in the hope of arousing other responses, both to Jim's letter and to Lee's original letter. What do you think? Responses, or excerpts from them, will be published in future issues of Nuntius.)

Classical Associations

The vitality of any profession is in great part due to the effectiveness of its organizations. Such professional organizations disseminate information about the profession and foster interest in it among those outside the profession. For their members they provide many services: meetings, publications, scholarships, placement services, etc. Following is a list of some national and regional organizations and the name of the secretary of each whom you can contact for additional information (This information is mainly excerpted from the September issue of *Classical Outlook*).

National

American Classical League, Executive Secretary Professor John F. Latimer, George Washington University, Washington D.C., Secretary Miss Adele Knight, Willoughby (Ohio) High School.

American Philological Association, Secretary Professor John J. Bateman, University of Illinois.

Archaeological Institute of America, Secretary Jane S. Ord, 260 West Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10013.

Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Secretary Professor Robert W. Hall, University of Vermont.

Regional

Classical Association of New England, Secretary Professor Z. Philip Ambrose, University of Vermont.

Classical Association of the Atlantic States, Secretary Professor Evelyn H. Clift, University of Delaware.

Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Secretary Professor Galen O. Rowe, University of Iowa.

Classical Alliance of the Western States, Secretary Mr. Charles A. Smith, Garden Grove (Calif.) Unified School District.

State and Local

Most states have a state organization and many cities or larger communities have local clubs. If you are unaware of the address of these organizations, you could write to the Executive Secretary of the American Classical League who can supply many of them.

CURRENTLY ACTIVE CHAPTERS

Gamma: Ohio University Athens

Epsilon: State University of Iowa Iowa City

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Eta: Florida State University Tallahassee

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Tau: University of Kentucky Lexington

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Alpha Omicron: Lawrence University Appleton, Wisconsin

Alpha Pi: Gettysburg College Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Alpha Rho: Muhlenberg College Allentown, Pennsylvania

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Beta Sigma: Marquette University Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Delta Epsilon: Belhaven College Jackson, Mississippi

Delta Zeta: Colgate University Hamilton, New York

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