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## Proposed Amendments

Several suggestions have been made concerning possible amendments to the constitution. It seemed worthwhile to publish these in *Nuntius* to allow all members of individual chapters an opportunity to study them and to write suggestions or to elect their delegates. The first proposal is for a change, the other two are additions.

### Congressional Individual Membership:

A student must meet the following basic qualifications:

An average of not less than "B" in courses in Latin and Greek. (The present constitution reads "an attained grade of not less than 'B'")

### Congressional the Granting of New Charters:

To be eligible for a chapter in Eta Sigma Phi a College or University:

1. Must be accredited.
2. Must have a Classical Curriculum.

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## NATIONAL CONVENTION

As most of you are already aware, the Forty-third National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi is rapidly approaching. It will convene at 9:00 a.m. on March 26, 1971 in the United States Room of Busch Memorial Center, St. Louis University's student union. Beta Zeta Chapter at St. Louis University will be the convention host. Beta Zeta's officers' roll is as follows: Prytanis Bob Brennan, Hyparchos Ann Hatch, Grammateus Steve Bumgarner, and Chrysophylax Virginia Lupo. The acting advisor is the Reverend John Welch, S.J.

Representatives will be staying in the University's dormitories due to the convenience and the proximity of the dormitories to the meeting areas (and the low rates). There will be an optional check-in at Rogers Hall (women's residence) and at Griesedieck Hall (men's residence) Thursday evening, March 25, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. This will give the attending representatives a chance to get settled, before registration the next

morning. However if it is more convenient for a representative closer to the St. Louis area, he may also check in Friday morning prior to registration.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., March 26, outside the United States Room. The first general session will start at 9:00 a.m. in the United States Room and will adjourn at 12:00 noon. At this time the delegates will break for their noon meal. Starting at 2:00 p.m. workshops will be conducted in fifty minute shifts. There will be two shifts. (One shift will start at 2:00 p.m. and the second shift will start at 3:00 p.m.) During each of these shifts there will be three workshops from which to choose. These workshops will be held in the assigned rooms in Busch Center. From 4:00 - 4:50 p.m. regional and committee meetings will be conducted.

The annual banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. This will be held in the United States Room of Busch Center. Our guest speaker for the dinner will be Father Walter Ong, S.J., A.M., S.T.L., Ph.D. Father Ong is one of our country's finest writers and most valuable thinkers. He has not yet announced the topic for his address. After the banquet delegates are at their leisure.

The second general session will be conducted in the United States Room, the next morning at 9:00 a.m. Adjournment of the Forty-third National Convention will be at 1:00 p.m.

St. Louis University is located on the outskirts of downtown St. Louis. The University traces its history back to the foundations of the St. Louis Academy in 1818, three years before Missouri became a state of the Union. The Academy was

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Aerial view of St. Louis University, site of the 1971 convention.

## CHANGES

## Nuntius

With this issue we will begin a new schedule for the publication of *Nuntius*. It is hoped that, with this new schedule, information on scholarships, contests and conventions will reach all chapters in plenty of time to allow all to participate.

The May issue will be eliminated since it often did not arrive until after schools closed. Instead the first issue of each year will be published in mid-September. This will contain the report of the convention, articles on the new officers and details of the scholarship competition. There will be one (January) or two (November and February) other issues per year. The number will be determined mainly by our financial situation. The cost of *Nuntius* has risen (it costs over \$400 for printing and mailing each issue) and revenues are down sharply this year. (That is why this issue is only four pages. Hopefully this will not be necessary again.) It seems more important to have money for our scholarships, contests and conventions rather than to insist on four issues a year.

So expect your next news-packed issue in mid-September.

## Balfour

The financial recession and rising costs have affected the L.G. Balfour Company too. They have notified this office that as of January 15, 1971, they will only accept orders on a custom-order basis, that prices will rise 20% to 25%, and that handling charges of about \$2.00 will be incurred. They will also stop making royalty payments to the Fraternity.

However, they did offer their existing stock at a discount of 25% if the Fraternity took the whole thing. The National Office has purchased the remaining stock and will sell it on a first-come first-served basis.

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17 pledge buttons	.90 "
50 pledge pins	1.10 "

It will facilitate handling and cut down on mailing costs if chapters would submit group orders with payment for any of these items.

## Medals

Remember that the Eta Sigma Phi medals should be ordered directly from the National Office. The awarding of these medals is a good way for local chapters to encourage high school students with their study of Latin. Prices are: large silver medals \$5.00, small silver medals \$2.50, and bronze medals \$1.25.

## 1971 Scholarship Winners

## ROME



The recipient of the scholarship to the American Academy in Rome is Miss Jane E. Foster of Delta Phi Chapter at Southwest Missouri State College (our newest chapter has really made its presence felt!). Jane has held several scholarships at Southwest Missouri, is on the President's List, is a member of Alpha Mu Gamma and Phi Beta Chi Fraternities, and is a member of *both* the Young Democrats and the Young Republicans.

Jane's desire to see Rome was one of the most compelling things about her application. To let her speak for herself 'The dynamic teacher has, first, the self-confidence which comes from a thorough knowledge of her subject. . . But the

dynamic teacher has a second quality, which I call the 'you were there' ability. Only someone who has *seen* the seven hills of Rome, the Colosseum, or the Forum Romanum can possibly make them alive and meaningful for her students. And I do want Latin to be alive in my classroom. What is especially exciting about this particular scholarship is that it offers not only the chance to see and explore ancient Rome, but also the opportunity to study there, and so to increase one's knowledge of the Latin language and culture in the best possible setting—Rome itself! We hope she will share some of this experience with us through the *Nuntius*.

## ATHENS



Miss Sandria J. Ewers is the recipient of the scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. Sandria, a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Women's College, where she was a member of Delta Alpha Chapter, and is now a graduate student at the University of North Carolina.

At Randolph-Macon Sandria was on the Dean's List, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, President of the Day Students, and Departmental Assistant for three years, to mention a few of her activities. She received an NDEA Fellowship for her graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

Sandria's particular interest is in Greek Literature. This semester at Chapel Hill she has a course in Archaeology and is looking forward to the summer to 'correlate my literary studies with the spirit and vitality of Greece'. As she remarks 'although one can add vividness of detail to historical and literary accounts from examinations of slides and books, this method cannot compare with being able to describe the effects made on the individual by personally viewing the object or site in question.'

Congratulations to Sandria. We are looking forward to a first hand report from her in one of next year's issues of *Nuntius*.

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3. Must offer a major in Latin or Greek or both.
4. Must have a faculty sufficient to meet needs of the department.
5. Must have some type of classical organization in existence.

Comments on these proposals should be sent to the Megas Hyparchos Miss Delora Pelosi, Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601.

Concerning National Officers:

1. No chapter shall have national presidency for two successive years.
2. No chapter shall have two national officers in any one year.

Comments on this proposal should be sent to the Chairman of Beta region, Miss Beth Tanner, Cleland Hall, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois 61462.



Busch Memorial Center, St. Louis University's student union, where meetings of the 1971 convention will be held.

# Our New Chapter: Delta Phi, Southwest Missouri State College

On April 10, 1970, the Forty-Second National Convention approved the chartering of an Eta Sigma Phi chapter at Southwest Missouri State College, and Delta Phi became a reality. We are looking forward to meeting all of you next March, at the forty-third convention. But, until then, it is my privilege to introduce to you the Delta Phi chapter and its home, Southwest Missouri State College.

SMS was founded in 1906 as a State Normal School. Curriculum was expanded until, in 1919, the school became Southwest Missouri State Teachers College and received the right to confer undergraduate degrees. In 1945, the Missouri General Assembly took note of the variety of educational services rendered by the college and authorized that the official name be changed to Southwest Missouri State College. In 1967, SMS was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities to offer the Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees. Growth of the college has been continuous. The faculty now numbers over 387 members, the student enrollment over 8000.

Unfortunately, enrollment in classics has not increased as steadily. The Latin Club, or its equivalent, has had its ups and downs, sometimes being simply non-existent. But in 1969, through the fortuitous combination of interested students and concerned teachers, the Latin Club was reactivated; we re-evaluated its constitution and undertook a program of activities culminating in our petition to Eta Sigma Phi. While waiting for the decision of the National Convention, the SMS Latin Club participated in the Alpha Mu Gamma (National Honorary

Foreign Language Fraternity) Christmas "Thing", and sponsored the first annual Southwest Missouri State Gathering of "Amici et Sapientes Antiquitatis." Over fifty area high school Latin students and teachers attended, listened to an address on "Love in Ancient Rome," presented by Mr. Joseph Foley of our History Department, watched a skit presented by the "familiae" of our Latin Club, and were given the opportunity to talk with us about continuing their classical studies in college. Shortly after the gathering, we were informed of our acceptance by Eta Sigma Phi.

Formal initiation of Delta Phi chapter was held October 4, 1970. Ten active, four associate, and two honorary members, Miss Wanda Gorczynski, Foreign Language Department and Dr. William Brown, Department of Philosophy, were initiated.

November became a month of planning for the year ahead. Definite plans included participation in the annual Christmas "Thing" in December and a joint meeting with Sigma Delta Pi, Honorary Spanish Fraternity, in January. In March we will attend the Forty-Third National Convention in St. Louis, and in April we will hold the second annual gathering. Hoping this year for an even bigger turnout, we are considering the possibility of contests in addition to the regular program. A second initiation will be held in May, and, also in May, Delta Phi will sponsor the presentation of the film, "In Search of Ulysses," which will be open to the public.

Jane Foster

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founded by the Right Reverend Louis William Du Bourg, Bishop of Louisiana. The school was renamed St. Louis College in 1820.

The Jesuits took over control of the college in 1829 and in 1832 St. Louis College received its charter as Saint Louis University. This was the first University charter granted west of the Mississippi.

Our School of Medicine was established in 1836. In 1903 the University acquired, by purchase, the Marion-Sims-Beaumont College of Medicine which is the present School of Medicine. The School of Law was organized in 1842 but was discontinued in 1847 to be reopened in 1908.

St. Louis University is very fortunate in being able to claim one of the finest libraries in the entire country. It contains in excess of one-million bound volumes, continuations, and pamphlets. It

also houses the Vatican Film Library mentioned in the January issue. The University is also in a stage of expansion, having just completed construction of one of the tallest men's dormitories in the country, a new student union, and an Arts and Sciences building. A building which will house the School of Social Services is presently under construction.

Information concerning reservations and instructions pertaining to the convention will be mailed shortly to all chapters. Please answer immediately. We are counting on your gracious help.

If there are any questions please enclose them with your reservation returns. We are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you, and sincerely hope that every convenience will be extended to you.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Bumgarner  
Grammateus



Charter members of Delta Phi include: (left to right) front row, Arthur Banet, Pat Miller, Bob Haslag; 2nd row, Karen Wilhite, Kathy John, Debie Jones, Becky Berg; 3rd row, Jane Foster, Judy Vanderbilt and top row, Carla Turnbough, Miss Puricelli, Herb Jackson.