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## SUMMER STUDY IN ATHENS

During the past summer I was privileged to be a member of the summer session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. The session is made up of two groups of twenty students each, one starting a week ahead of the other so that they are never in the same place at the same time. Our group was led by Professor Fordyce Mitchel of the University of Missouri, who did an admirable job in all respects.

The session lasted six weeks, approximately half of which was spent in Athens studying the city and its surrounding areas. While in Athens we lived in the dormitory of the school. The remainder of the time was spent in travel around the Greek mainland and to some of the islands. No classroom work was involved because we did our studying on the ancient sites themselves and in museums. Each student was required to present two site reports to the rest of the group, and while in Athens we were able to use the American School's library to prepare for these. The emphasis of the program is, of course, archaeological, but the members of our group were quite diversified in their backgrounds and interests. To me, this diversity made the experience even more rewarding, both academically and personally.

The first few days of the program were spent in Athens, enabling us to become acquainted with the city and with our colleagues. After this we alternated trips which lasted several days with short periods in Athens.

The first trip was a ten day bus tour of the Peloponnesus, which included visits to Corinth, Isthmia, Epidauros, Sparta, and Olympia. This was the most difficult part of the whole session because most of us were unaccustomed to the rigor of hiking and climbing. It was during this trip, however, that the members of the group became very close, making even the most grueling expeditions pleasurable. For our next trip we flew to Crete, where we spent three days studying Minoan culture. After a few more days in Athens it was off to Mykonos, where we met with some surprises, the Cyprus war to be specific. Unable to get a ship back to the mainland on the appointed day, we were stranded on the island and forced to spend an extra day on the beach. On the next day we returned to the mainland on the deck of a car ferry, along with several hundred tourists whose predicament had been similar to our own. When we reached Athens yet another surprise was in store for us, for on that very day the military dictators resigned and freedom was restored. Watching the celebrations in Syntagma Square that night was one of the most exciting moments of my life. Our final trip was to the north. The highlights of this trip was, of course, our

stay in Delphi, certainly one of the most beautiful spots in the world.

The summer session of 1974 was many things. It was miles of walking and climbing, a chance to hear some of the most distinguished scholars of our time lecturing on their own excavations, swimming in the Aegean, birthday parties for our group members, and much more. All of it was worthwhile.

Jerry Muntz

## . . . . . . . and in ROME

In retrospect, the summer program at the American Academy in Rome was flexible enough to make the six weeks worthwhile for all types of Classics majors. The group ranged from PhD candidates in archeology, to PhD's and MA's in literary areas, to high school Latin teachers with either an MA or BA in Classics.

However, during a good portion of the six weeks the course looked as if it were designed strictly for general engineers, sociologists, and city planners. Technical terms such as terracotta revetments, trabeation of the building, the periphery of the city, and opus reticulatum were coming out of our ears after every excursion.

In addition to material that was dry to some Classical humanists, the course was exhausting. The excursions spent outside of the city at the sites of early Etruscan and Roman colonies and settlements lasted all day. In Rome sites studied and toured included the Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill, and the museums on Capitoline Hill and at the Vatican. On these days spent inside the city, each member of the group was free to go out and "experience Rome" after the siesta. The Italian buses presented quite a "culture shock" to this unsophisticated Southerner.

For these reasons there were many times that I wanted to go home. I was far too much of a humanist to appreciate "opus reticulatum". Besides, what college undergrad or high school student would want to hear these terms when a grad student who has spent eight years in Classics isn't even interested in hearing them! Furthermore, I couldn't find a sense of continuity between the crazy Italians on the buses and their efficient Roman ancestors. Sometimes I found myself thinking that my father who is an engineer would be getting much more out of this whole program than I was.

However, the course and Rome itself did present their own opportunities for reflection and for the realization that the whole experience would be, in retrospect, everything that it was supposed to be. There is, in the museum at EUR, a plastic model of the city. The professor took us there twice so that we could point out certain areas of growth in the city and tie theories together. It was surprising how much about the growth and layout of the city had entered our heads, without any effort—just, pure circumventive exposure.

In addition to this circumventive method of education, the program offers the students opportunities to do things that the average tourist wouldn't think of doing—probably, because he doesn't know anything about it. For example, we didn't get by with passing through the Pantheon for just an examination of its interior and nitches. We went all the way up to the top of the dome and looked down through the oculus. Another unforgettable experience was the trip inside the substructures of the foundations of the Republican temples in the L'Argo Argentina. These experiences produced small occurrences of claustrophobia and acrophobia; but, thrills, once they were over.

Lastly, inspite of the inflation, pollution, and confusion that surround the life of the Italian people, there was the time to realize that a sense of continuity with the past can be found through an observation of the way the Italians relate to their past. One night a few of us spent some time watching some amateurs perform Plautus' Amphitruo. Even though we didn't understand much of the Italian, the Plautine spirit hit us and we couldn't think of any people other than Italians that we had rather see perform Plautus.

This fall I am teaching Artes Latinae to high school and junior high students. Surprisingly, it helps to know about the layout of the ancient and modern city of Rome and the way that Roman apartments were built. Furthermore, of course, the total experience offers excellent "ad-lib" devices. Whenever my first year students have to give the Latin for "eye", they see in their heads the top of the Pantheon as well as the eye on the face.

Finally, I feel superior to my aunt and uncle who have spent about an equal amount of time in Rome without knowing what really goes on under those ruins in the L'Argo Argentina. Any Classics major at any level can absorb all kinds of experiences on this summer program. It is a chance for the student to merge together the humanistic aspects and the more practical aspects of Classics, to experience circumventive learning, and to admire people who do things differently. I might, in the years to come, take the course again, at my own expense, if the Academy will let me. It is like an Ingmar Bergman flick or an Aeschylean tragedy in that each time you experience it there is always something else to gain from it.

Sally Rogers



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## AMENDMENTS VOTED ON AT THE 46th CONVENTION

- 1. Article VII, Section 3, add: "In the case of a tie vote, the Grand President will cast the tie-breaking vote, in his official capacity."
- 2. Article X, Section 1, add: "To be eligible for a charter in the Eta Sigma Phi a college or university:
  - 1) Must have a classical curriculum.
  - 2) Must have some type of organization which has existed for a period of one year consisting of at least five members who meet the requirements of Article XI, Section I. Such organization must submit to the Executive Secretary reports after they have petitioned for a charter." Defeated on second vote.

## AMENDMENTS PASSED BY THE 46th CONVENTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE 47th CONVENTION

- 1. Article VIII Section I, change "and shall perform all such duties as the office of Grand President of similar societies usually performs" to "and shall perform all such duties as the office of Grand President entails."
- 2. Article VIII, Section 3, add: "Prior to the National Convention, he shall notify those chapters a) who have not sent delegates to the National Convention within the last five years, and b) whose lack of attendance at the National Convention will violate Article X, Section 6 of the Constitution, resulting in a revocation of their charter." Discussion clarified this addition to mean that 2 letters of notice would be sent, one in the fifth year and one in the sixth.
- 3. Article XIV, Section I, add subparagraph f: "In case the normal rotation of areas for the National Convention cannot be followed, the Grand Executive Council shall be empowered to make a suitable choice from proffered invitations, on the condition tha successive annual meetings are not held at the same institution.
- 4. Article X, Section 9, add: "Any school whose charter has been either suspended or revoked may petition the Executive Committee for approval to reinstate its charter, provided the school has not lost its accreditation. Action taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the next National Convention.

**RES GESTAE 1973 - 1974** 

The following chapters sent delegates to the convention but did not turn in their reports: Eta (Florida State University), Alpha Phi (Millsaps College), Gamma Theta (Georgetown College) .

The following chapters sent delegates to the convention and turned in the following reports:

ETA(Indiana University):
This year the Theta chapter at Indiana University began the season with a party inviting all members and interested persons. The first semester we had two lectures. In the first, Mr. Lee, our advisor, gave a slide lecture on Greek athletics. Mr. Frederick presented us with a lecture on "Ancient Mythological Motifs in Science Fiction."

The second semester, the club went as a group to see the movie "Trojan Women" with a reception afterwards at the home of Mr. Long, our undergraduate advisor. We initiated 16 new members on March 27, and had a banquet afterward. On April 6 we are going to assist with the Indiana Junior Classical League Convention. We were fortunate in being able to send 3 members to the national convention. We still have in the planning stage for April a "Modern and Ancient Greek Night." In addition we had a number of informal meetings in conjunction with watching our fighting Hoosiers play basketball. Speaking of basketball, we also have had a member/faculty basketball game (co-ed, of course).

Presented by Philip Taylor, President

SIGMA(Miami University):

The Sigma chapter has considered the last two years two of our best and busiest at Miami. Drawing upon the experience of our faculty members, we have had personal slide collections presented on Israel, Greece, Yugoslavia, and Great Britain, and a special slide presentation on Thera given for local high school Latin classes in conjunction with a day-long seminar. Our readings have included The Bacchoe, The Birds, The Bacchides, and Pindar. In connection with the American Archaeological Society, we have heard Anne Laidlaw on her excavations at The House of Salus at Pompeii, David Thompson from the University of Georgia on Antinoos at Antinopolis, and Emmet Bennett on Linear A and Linear B. We were also very pleased to have Doctor Peter Arnott present Oedipus Rex with his marionette theater for the university. Our chapter was also able to attend the Egyptian exhibit of the Armana period at the Detroit Institute of Art in the beginning of January. We have not been able to attend the national convention in recent years because of scheduling conflicts with our final exams, but this year we are happy to have 6 members in attendance at the 46th national con-

Presented by Ann M. Bulger

BETA BETA(Furman University):

Beta Beta chapter of Furman University at Greenville, South Carolina initiated three new members on February 5, 1974 and elected officers on March 20, 1974. We sent three delegates to the 45th national convention in Jackson, Mississippi. Before fall term we sent letters to all incoming freshmen having a background in Latin urging them to continue their classical studies. During the year we awarded medals of excellence to second and third year Latin students in Greenville County High Schools.

Presented by Peggy Tyler

BETA DELTA(University of Tennessee):

The Beta Delta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville has held two of its three quarterly meetings thus far this year. At the fall meeting we were entertained by a slide show of the archaeological excavation at Cypress by Dr. Gesell of our staff. At our winter quarter meeting we were presented a paper on Hylas, the companion of Hercules, by Dr. James Shelton, also of our staff. In the winter quarter we held a reception for Dr. Ned Nabors of Vanderbilt University who spoke to the East Tennessee chapter of the American Institute of Archaeology. The Beta Delta chapter plans to end its year with induction of new members and officers in May.

Presented by Chris Cooley

BETA UPSILON(Marshall University):

The Beta Upsilon chapter has had a very productive year. Our first activity after the 1973 national convention was a workshop held on April 14, 1973 under the leadership of the Classics Department and held for the benefit of interested area high school students. Three programs were offered and students had the choice of any two. After lunch a professor of our university presented a slide lecture on Roman Spain. The workshop had the purposes of promoting our school to local high school students as well as emphasizing the enjoyment and importance of classical studies. The workshop was very successful in terms of interest we feel it generated.

As usual, Beta Upsilon presented an annual award to the outstanding Latin seniors in our local high schools at their respective senior assemblies.

The academic year 73-74 began with the traditional fall picnic held in conjunction with the Classical Association. Equally enjoyable was the annual Saturnalia festival which was also celebrated with the Classical Association.

Previous to advance spring registration, Beta Upsilon launched a campaign to increase enrollment in classics classes. Interested students gathered together for a poster-party for classics. Any catchy phrases, slogans, or current quips were utilized to advertise classics classes. The results of this moderate effort were astounding: 1/3 of the classics classes doubled in enrollment, 1/3 tripled; one class increased four times and only one class (the advanced Latin class remained the same as the previous year. The success of this one venture has caused Beta Upsilon to make advertising classics another main purpose for existing. Hopefully, we will gradually expand this program to Latin and Greek classes as well as the more general classics classes.

Another new undertaking of Beta Upsilon this year has been the first-time experience of sending letters to county school-board superintendents and selected principals across the state to help spread the study of classics. These letters point out the benefits of Latin training, emphasizing the effect Latin has on English vocabulary-building.

Our initiation for qualified ESP members was held March 27 and was preceded by a short reception. Five members joined our chapter and one prospective member is yet to be initiated. As usual, Beta Upsilon is proud to contribute to the Scholarship fund this year.
Presented by Debbie Callison,

President

**GAMMA GAMMA** 

(University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee):

At our first meeting in October we pledged three new members who will be initiated at our initiation ceremony in April, which we will sponsor in conjunction with Marquette University. On May 4th we are holding our annual Latin contest for all Milwaukee area high school Latin students. This year the contest will be divided into four parts to enable all Latin students to participate. The contest promotes interest among the students, gives them a first-hand look at the university, and enables them to meet other students with similar interests. After the contest, refreshments are served and awards are given to the individuals with the highest scores. We are proud of all our chapter has accomplished, because all our members were new this year, the old ones all having graduated. We'd like to give a special thanks to Dr. Carrie Cowherd, our new advisor, and congratulate her on the wonderful job she is doing.

Presented by Christine Cavadias, Treasurer

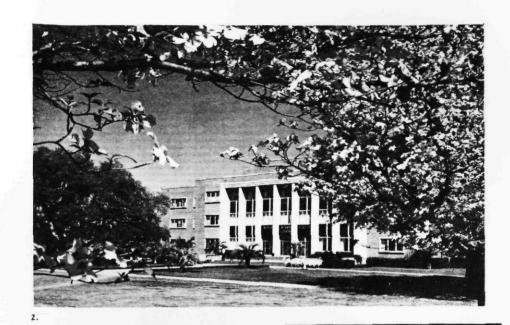
GAMMA IOTA(Wabash College):

The activities of Gamma Iota chapter at Wabash College over the past year have consisted of the following categories. As in the past, the chapter has taken the responsibility of preparing, administering, and grading the screening exams in conjunction with the Latin (continued on page 6)





# Antiquitus in Otio







Southern hospitality is brewing its best in Tallahassee, Florida – and to make the brew the mellower, we're setting it in the April sun to age. From April 18 to 19, then (that's all day Friday through Saturday noon), Eta Sigma Phi will sit in annual plenipotentiary session. The campus is Florida State University; the host is Eta Chapter; the VIP guest is you, and you'll find us easily accessible by air, rail, bus, or car.

Plan to come early and stay late. Although Convention doesn't get into official gear until Friday the 25th, Tallahassee's Hellenic Heritage Week starts Monday the 21st with a sennight full of plays, displays, and antique pageantry. It all comes to a climax Friday, when -- amidst business sessions on money, amendments, and elections -- you'll be treated to dramatic insights into Aristophanes and Aristotle, a Greek banquet complete with dancing flute-girls, the spectacular FSU Circus "Flying High", an original "Quickie History of the Theatre" at a Roman feast preceding The Birds, and a Convivium to end all Conviviums. Saturday is a fitting finale, with the Greeks Olympic, a made-to-order Mr. Apollo contest, and tours of Tallahassee's fabulous ante-bellum attractions following the final business session.



Every chapter is allowed two delegates and as many participants as possible. We've got room for all y'all at the Seminole Reservation, and we need you here, too, because Convention -- where each chapter presents its annual report and each participant gets to grapple with a passel of committee work -- is primarily your show. How much will it cost? A maximum of \$15.00 will cover your food, lodging, transportation, and entertainment during the Convention session; once we finish collecting money around town, the cost to you should be less than that.

So there's every reason to come on down. All the dalliances of the Caesars (and more) in the genuine Florida sunshine at a price less than most motels' "single occupancy overnight" — that's "Antiquitus in Otio", and that's why we're gonna keep the brew-pot stewing 'till y'all come.

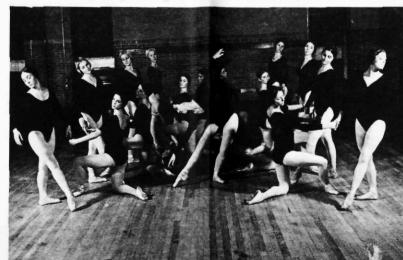


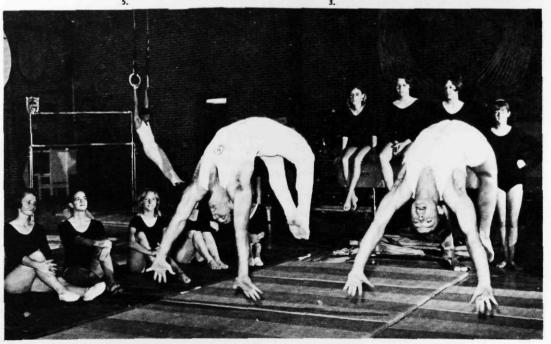






Water sports at Florida State.
 Dogwood Way in April.
 The Circus: teaching of tium new lifts.
 Magic Mountain Mime: golden silence for the "Quickies History".
 Going whole hog for convention (during & between meals).
 FSU Gymnastics: bending over backwards for a quicker "History".
 Dance Program: classic motion for the Grecian banquet.
 Campus sunrise (from US 90 West).
 Amphitheatre: site of the Greek banquet.
 Mme. Elena Nikolaidi, renown Grecian mezzo: toast of the Roman feast.
 The Birds invites your close perusal.
 Circus is set to Fly High. Fly with us. Fly Eta Sigma Phi in grand Convention.





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Honors Abroad Program. This has been and will continue to be an important function of the chapter.

In order to stimulate and maintain a high interest in the classics at Wabash, the chapter prepares and organizes the program of the Classics Colloquium. These Colloquia consist of various individuals presenting topics related to the classics, in the form of an informal

Finally, in promoting interest in the classics outside of the environs of Wabash College, each spring semester the Chapter awards medals to high school students in the county who have shown outstanding achievement in Latin. As with the above activities, this is a function which we plan to perpetuate.
Presented by James E. Benedre, Jr.

**GAMMA OMICRON** (Monmouth College):

This year started off looking rather bleak for Gamma Omicron Chapter. Only six members were still enrolled in Monmouth College and one of them was in Rome for his junior year abroad. However, we did send out our newsletters to alums and had our Saturnalia party. Then things began looking up during the second term of our three-term school year. Greek was reinstated in the curriculum after a two-year absence, and from the twelve students who enrolled in Greek, several good recruits were brought into Eta Sigma Phi.

Our big project this year is acting as hosts for the Illinois state high school Latin contest in April. We have been considered the campus they most like to come to for the contest because we always show them a good time. This year, among other things, we are making them Greek worry beads, and Miss Fox is showing them some of her slides on classical mythology used in cartoons and

We have six members and our sponsor at this national convention. Since we became a chapter in 1957, we have had student representatives at the national convention every year. Also, some years ago we began making an annual contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Although we do not this year have any money to help pay the expenses of our delegates to the convention, we are still making this contribution. Also, we have a personal gift of twenty dollars for the Scholarship Fund which was sent with best wishes from Beth Tanner, a member of our chapter and last year's national president.

Presented by Scott C. Estler

DELTA UPSILON (Valparaiso University):

April 1973: During the month of April, smaller groups of interested Eta Sigma Phi members took two trips, one to Detroit and one to Bloomington. The Detroit contin-

gent took advantage of the convention of the Classical Association of the Midwest and South to hear papers on various subjects including the Polyphemus myth (with Freudian interpretations) and the poetic diction of Virgil. Luncheon was at the Laikon Cafe. After a portion of the afternoon session the group of five students returned (with their advisor) to campus. Two weeks later another group of five went to Indiana University to hear an evening lecture on "Myth and the Indo-European Epic" in which the speaker attempted to draw lines of comparison between the Indian and Mediterranean epic traditions. Unfortunately, the lecturer drew upon a familiarity with Sanskrit which was not shared by the members present, but on the whole the lecture was well worth attending.

October 1974:

Eta Sigma Phi began its fall activity with a Greek dinner at Dr. Helms' house during which the members became reacquainted with each other after the summer holidays. In the informal discussion which followed Dr. Rast brought the chapter up to date on his research and archaeological work. There was also some talk of establishing a museum of modestly priced antiquities and facsimilies. The consensus was that the project was reasonable if ambitious, and the members were invited to consider ways of building up a collection of artifacts with which to demonstrate classical culture in a vivid

November 1974:

There were three events during the month of November: early in the month a group of nine members visited the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago and spent about an hour and a half examining antiquities from Egypt, the Mideast and the Mediterranean world. Following this they continued their research at the Rhoditys restaurant where the proprietor, in the true manner of Greek hospitality, stood the group to a round of fine Hellenic brandy on the house. Later in the month the fraternity had the pleasure of inducting two new members just prior to the yearbook picture. This, by the way, is the first time that the organization has been so recognised by the yearbook - hopefully this will set a precedent.

March 1974:

After another one of Mrs. Helms' now-legendary Greek dinners, the organization had the pleasure of inducting nine new members - thereby increasing its membership by over one third. These were primarily third-semester Greek students. Following this Dr. Helms brought up the matter of the national convention, and it was agreed that as many members as possible ought to go. A good number of those present expressed interest, but few thought that they would be able to manage the trip due to the fact that they would still be at home at this time.

enjoying the last weekend of spring break. Next Dr. Helms brought up the University's 17 -day excursion to Greece in August, again urging that the members consider it seriously. After this the meeting broke up into informal discussion during which several of the students and faculty discussed the possibility of presenting papers at future meetings; the idea was presented to the whole group, and was well received. Dr. Rast volunteered to prepare something for the April meeting, and Dr. Reinke promised to see what he could do. As a last point of business the chapter agreed to set up a date sometime in May for another of the traditional Greek feasts at one of the several Greek restaurants in Chicago. The meeting was then adjourned.

Presented by Charles Strietelmeier, Grammateus pro-tempore

The following chapters did not send delegates to the convention but sent in the following reports:

BETA ALPHA

(University of South Dakota):

Members of Beta Alpha Chapter and Professor and Mrs. Brent Froberg hosted a late summer open house for all students of Latin and Greek at the home of Professor and Mrs. Froberg.

Beta Alpha has sponsored an annual Classical Lecture Series for students, faculty, and community for the past four years. Professor Chauncey Finch of St. Louis University was this fall's featured speaker. We greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet a distinguished paleographer and hear him speak on the topic, "Browning in a Manuscript Collection." Nearly 150 people attended his lecture.

We held our annual initiation in February and celebrated the induction of nine new members with a sumptious buffet at the student center.

(No name of the presenting mem-ber was included)

BETA THETA

(Hampden-Sydney College):

Dr. Michael Grant's lecture on Pompeii" has been the high point of the year for Beta Theta Chapter. Prior to the lecture, we held a most enjoyable dinner in Dr. Grant's honor. We are now planning to have another visiting speaker dur-

During this year Beta Theta Chapter has initiated the largest number of new members in recent years: 14 regular members and one honorary member. Election of officers for next year will take place within the next several weeks.

Beta Theta Chapter sincerely regrets not being represented at this year's convention. Confusion about the date of the convention was at least partially the cause of this.

Presented by Andy Moore, Grammateus

GAMMA KAPPA(Heidelberg College):

The 1973-74 activities of the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi began in October with a banquet and dinner in France Hall sponsoring Mr. Ronald Streibig, Director of the Ohio Arts Council. Mr. Streibig, an alumnus of Heidelberg, spoke of the role of the arts today. His audience was members of Eta Sigma Phi, Sigma Tau Delta (the English Honorary), Alpha Psi Omega(the Theater Honorary), faculty, and Eta Sigma Phi alumni. Following his speech, Mr. Streibig talked informally with members of these groups.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, Dr. and Mrs. Kramer invited the chapter to their home for a Christmas party. Twelve members attended. They played Rhythm with Latin numbers, took a mythology quiz and participated in a backwards spelling bee. Following the refreshments served by Mrs. Kramer, all the members sang Christmas carols in Latin.

Dr. and Mrs. Kramer extended their hospitality once again on Feb. 8 for the Initiation Banquet. Eleven members, Dr. and Mrs. Kramer, and Dr. and Mrs. Harner welcomed the five members to our chapter. The revised ritual, the result of the 1973 National Convention, was used. A sixth new member was initiated in a short ceremony the following week.

The major project for this year was the chairmanship of the committee to revise or improve the National Constitution. The chapter of Eta Sigma Phi from Furman University contributed their ideas to this project. Our committee, Diana Ulrich, Larry Kisabeth, Frank Cham, and Barbara Neville, drew up the final suggestions in January and forwarded them to Mr. Henry Cox III.

The Gamma Kappa Chapter regrets that its members are unable to attend the National Convention at Georgetown this year. A faculty committee and student teaching obligations stand in the way. We hope that the work on the constitution will be considered seriously despite our inability to explain why such suggestions were made.

Presented by Barbara J. Neville, Prytanis

GAMMA SIGMA(University of Texas): Gamma Sigma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi sincerely regrets not being able to attend this year's national convention, but wishes to submit its annual report.

The University of Texas chapter has been very active this past year, not only with the ordinary functions of a chapter but also with some extraordinary large scale projects.

Dominating last fall was the development, mailout, and compilation of results of a survey guaging the strengths, weaknesses, and future of classics departments throughout the nation. The results of this survey will be published in an upcoming issue of the Nuntius. The fall

semester ended with a chapter "Saturnalia" in early December.

The spring semester got off to a fast start as members returned from the Christmas holidays and started work on the final plans for the Texas State Junior Classical League convention to be hosted by Gamma Sigma Chapter. This convention will bring approximately 2500 high school students from across the state to the University of Texas campus. At this time Gamma Sigma will also present a play by Plautus, The Poenulus, in a translation by one of our members, Robert Hicks. The dates of the T.S.J.C.L. convention are March 29 and 30, which explains why we are unable to be in Georgetown.

The year's activities will be concluded on April 28 with the spring initiation ceremony and the annual banquet at Mama Eleni's Greek restaurant.

Again wishing every success to the fiftieth annual convention of Eta Sigma Phi and looking forward to continued service to the national organization in the

Respectfully submitted, Cal Chaney, Hyparchos

### ETCETERA

The editor solicits suggestions for short articles and other information which would be useful to members of the Fraternity.

Begin now to plan for applying for one of the Eta Sigma Phi Summer Scholarships for 1976. These are excellent opportunities for ends in Atlanta Barray and applying and account of the second of the s study in Athens or Rome. Rising seniors and graduates are eligible. Watch the Fall 1975 issue of the Nuntius for full details about making application.

## ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

All graduating seniors are invited to keep up with the activities of Eta Sigma Phi in future years by subscribing at the nominal fee of \$1.00 per year, which is payable to either the Executive Secretary or the Editor of Nuntius. In addition to keeping up with the various activities you may well be able to perform a valuable service to your chapter by attending the annual convention when your chap-ter is otherwise unable to send dele-gates and thus keep your chapter from becoming inactive (see the letter from the Executive Secretary elsewhere in this issue).

## Dear Chapters of Eta Sigma Phi:

It has now been some months that I have had most of the files of our honored organization, and it has been most interesting to become better acquainted with the events of the last fifty years. Soon we hope to install the 125th chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, but, alas, only some 77 of the chapters have some claim to life and only about half of these returned to me the list of officers, etc. I shall be happy still to receive any of these reports or to send new blanks if some were not received.

It is also time to start planning for the annual convention. Some chapters have now sent representation for about the maximum time allowed. The convention determined last year that this representation could consist of alumni, faculty, or student delegates, so that each chapter should have a better chance of being represented even in the land of the Florida sun! If 1969 was the last meeting that one of your delegates attended, it is imperative that you use some means of being represented in Florida. It is also important that you submit a report of chapter activities (typed) at the convention or to your national student secretary if no one can attend the meeting. (These reports later must be submitted to the editor of Nuntius for spring publica-

It has been a great pleasure having correspondence from many of you. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to consult Dr. Theodore Bedrick about many things, and Jon Gehring and I have tried to keep the financial house in order. We appreciate very much also the work of those involved in deciding upon scholarships and contests and any other activity of our organization. We are sure that our convention hosts are planning many good things for us, and I hope to see many of you there. Please let me know when I can be of help to you.

> R. L. Den Adel Executive Secretary

The editor regrets the omission from the fall issue of the Nuntius of the list of new members of Beta Alpha chapter. Those initiated on February 10, 1974 were: Robin Daly, Scott Shephard, Colleen Lange, Ann M. Sunderman, Sharon Jensen, Michael Rukstad, Rebecca Ziegenbalg, Catherine Ann Ceretti, John Strackbein.

## Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity List by Chapter

Gamma: Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

Epsilon: University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Zeta: Denison University, Granville, Ohio

Eta: Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

Theta: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Lambda: University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi

Pi: Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama

Sigma: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

Tau: University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Psi: Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Omega: College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia

Alpha Delta: Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia

Alpha Epsilon: Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Alpha Omicron: Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin

Alpha Pi: Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Alpha Rho: Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Alpha Sigma: Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Alpha Upsilon: College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio

Alpha Phi: Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi

Alpha Psi: Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania

Beta Alpha: University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota

Beta Beta: Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina

Beta Gamma: University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia

Beta Delta: University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

Beta Zeta: St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri Beta Theta: Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia

Beta lota: Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Beta Kappa: College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

Beta Mu: Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana

Beta Nu: Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia

Beta Omicron: Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Beta Sigma: Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Beta Upsilon: Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia

Beta Chi: Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland

Gamma Alpha: Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana

Gamma Beta: Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

Gamma Gamma: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gamma Delta: Yeshiva University, New York, New York

Gamma Eta: Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana

Gamma Theta: Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky

Gamma Iota: Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana

Gamma Kappa: Heidelburg College, Tiffin, Ohio

Gamma Lambda: St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota

Gamma Mu: Westminister College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

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

Gamma Omicron: Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois

Gamma Rho: Hope College, Holland, Michigan

Gamma Sigma: University of Texas, Austin, Texas

Gamma Upsilon: Austin College, Sherman, Texas Gamma Phi: Le Moyne College, Syracuse, New York

Gamma Chi: Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri

Delta Alpha: Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia

Delta Beta: Canisius College, Buffalo, New York

Delta Gamma: Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Delta Epsilon: Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi

Delta Zeta: Colgate University, Hamilton, New York

**Delta Theta:** Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

**Delta Iota:** College of Saint Teresa, Winona, Minnesota

Delta Kappa: Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin

Delta Mu: Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

Delta Nu: La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Delta Omicron: Texas Technical University, Lubbock, Texas

Delta Pi: Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia

Delta Rho: Radford College, Radford, Virginia

Delta Sigma: University of California-Irvine, Irvine, California

Delta Tau: University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

Delta Upsilon: Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana

Delta Phi: Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri

Delta Chi: St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

Delta Psi: Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania

Delta Omega: Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota

Epsilon Alpha: Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana

Epsilon Beta: George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

Epsilon Gamma: University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Epsilon Epsilon: Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois

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