From the Acting Chair

By Professor Tommye Lou Davis

It has been a great honor for me to serve as acting chair of the classics department this spring and summer while Dr. Alden Smith is away on a writing sabbatical. I submitted to Dean Wallace Daniel our department's annual report. As I wrote the report, I was overwhelmed by the amount of work produced by our faculty. The accomplishments of faculty and students alike are many and varied. As you read this newsletter, you will become acquainted with much that we have accomplished together. There are exciting opportunities on the horizon, as well. The forecast looks great for the Department of Classics at Baylor! We will be moving into our new digs in Morrison Hall either later this summer or early next fall. Please come visit our campus and see for yourself what it is like to be part of this amazing department. We invite you to read Diurna Ursorum carefully so that you can see what we've been up to recently and also glimpse what—Deo volente—promises to be in store for us in the very near future.

Our Year At A Glance...

Courses Taught
a) Departmental (summer and fall 2001; spring and summer 2002): 67
b) Baylor Interdisciplinary Core: 2 (Nordling and Kyllo)
c) University Scholars: 2 (Augoustakis)

Total Student Enrollment: 1,229

Scholarly Work
a) Books: 1 (Thorburn)
b) Articles: 7 (Augoustakis, 2; Kyllo, 3; Nordling, 1; Smith, 1)
c) Papers: 16 (Augoustakis, 4; Froberg, 1; Kyllo, 1; Nordling, 3; Smith, 3; Thorburn, 4; Vail, 1)
d) Book reviews: 4 (Augoustakis, 3; Thorburn, 1)
e) Invited lectures: 6 (Smith, 3; Thorburn, 2; Vail, 1)
f) Moderator of panel discussions: 3 (Kyllo, 1; Vail, 2)

Supervised Honors Theses (5): Augoustakis, Kyllo, Thorburn, Vail/Smith

Lectures Sponsored by the Classics Department: 6 (Burian, Hare, Lloyd, McKee, Roll, Ruebel)

Baylor in Italy
a) Summer 2001 (Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Sicily)
b) Summer 2002 (Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Ostia)

Honors and Awards
a) Faculty
1. Outstanding Professor for Arts & Sciences (Smith)
2. Honored by Phi Kappa Chi (Augoustakis)
3. Outstanding Professor, Baylor Women's League (Davis)
4. Nominated for Collins Award (Davis)
b) Students
1. National Greek Examination: Baylor Students win 30 Ribbons (see article)
2. Manson A. Stewart Education and Travel Awards (Classical Association of the Middle West and South): Holly Horan (former student)
3. Mason A. Stewart Classics Scholarship: Jeff Hunt; Jason Gaiderovicz (alternate) (see article)
4. Eta Sigma Phi Translation contest winners (see article)

Advisers for Student Organizations
a) Alpha Chi (Davis, Augoustakis)
b) Eta Sigma Phi (Augoustakis, Froberg, Kyllo, Vail)
c) CHI's Women's Service Club (Vail)
d) Kappa Kappa Gamma (Davis)
A Cheery 'Hello!' from Philadelphia

Dr. Alden Smith, chair of the Department of Classics, has been on sabbatical during the spring and summer terms.

Salvete, amici, from the City of Brotherly Love!

As many of you know, I have been spending my sabbatical in Philadelphia, hanging out in the Van Pelt Library, and popping by Penn's Classics department every once in a while to pick on some of my old professors, like Ralph Rosen, Joe Farrell, and Jim O'Donnell. I have enjoyed the Classics Seminar Room, a room within the Van Pelt Library chock full of such gems as Pauly-Wissowa, L'Année Philologique, Mueller's Handbueh, and Roscher's Lexicon, etc.; add to this the OCTs, Loeb, Bude editions, numerous commentaries, and literally tons of useful things for classicists—all at arm's reach and within a very small space! Research in such an environment really is fun! Hopefully we shall have such a room at Baylor someday soon at Moody Memorial Library.

Now some of you may be wondering, 'How's Dr. Smith been doing up there in Philly?' Well, I've been able to stay at my mother's house, near the train line to city center. I take the train into Philly every day, where I find myself living a life of ostium such as Cicero did from time to time in his career. I read and write, read some more, and then when I get tired, I play some basketball.

Since my family has stayed behind in Texas, I find myself checking e-mail often to keep in touch. The long distance thing has been tough, but it is less disruptive to my children's routines. I have, however, enjoyed the opportunity to visit former students Angeline Chiu and Jeff Johnson at nearby Princeton.

As good as it has been, I have—quite honestly—been looking forward to getting back home. We've had a wonderful spring semester at Baylor, and I've missed out on some of our students' most remarkable accomplishments. Several of them, for example, have been elected to national office, won prestigious scholarships, graduate fellowships, essay contests, Greek translations, etc. (Way to go, Bears!)

I miss the students, my colleagues, and good ol' Baylor.

I wish you all a great summer! When August rolls around, I look forward to seeing many of you who are reading this right now.

Valete!

Magister Faber

'Hello!' To Baylor from Georgia Irby-Massie

Dr. Georgia L. Irby-Massie accepted a one-year lectureship in the Department of Classics and will begin teaching in August 2002. She conveyed the following greeting:

Hello, everyone!

My husband, Keith, and I—together with our three cats (Fiona, Shtinky and Valkyrie)—are looking forward to our arrival in Waco in early August.

In the fall semester I will be teaching first and second semester Latin and the Philosophical Thought of Cicero. I hold the PhD in Classics from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and have taught at Louisiana State University for the past four years. I have taught Greek and Latin at all levels, as well as Classical Mythology, Ancient Epic, and both Greek and Roman Civilization. I am especially fond of Vergil (whose Aeneid I will find any excuse to teach!), Tacitus, and Theocritus; also, I hope soon to develop courses on Greco-Roman science and ancient death and burial.

So far I have written three articles in classical journals, with half a dozen more at various stages of preparation, and two books: Military Religion in Roman Britain (Brill, 1999); and Greek Science of the Hellenistic Era: A Sourcebook (Routledge, 2002, with Paul T. Keyser).

I am very happy to be at Baylor!
Amanda Seamans, 2002 Baylor graduate, submitted the following chapter report to the most recent issue of Nuntius. It is a fitting tribute to a most remarkable year for Eta Sigma Phi at Baylor.

The 2001-2002 academic year for Baylor's Gamma Omega chapter was exciting and rewarding. Seven of our members started the summer off with the annual Baylor in Italy program with 36 days of intensive study in Italy and Sicily. While there, we studied Plautus and performed parts of the Aulularia—in Latin and in English—for the Italian Theater troupe La Plautina. They kindly allowed us to use their stage and props for mini-production and came to dinner with us afterward.

When we returned to the States for the fall semester, we continued our usual bi-weekly meetings and began forming ideas for fundraising events. After much deliberation, OctHOMERfest was born. Our members toiled long and hard, baking cookies and cakes and making homemade ice cream to sell for (slightly) exorbitant prices; and we managed to set up a table in one of Baylor's more conspicuous locations, Fountain Mall. But what does Homer have to do with any of this? Behind our treat-laden table, professors and Eta Sigma Phi members alike took turns belting out sections of the Iliad and Odyssey, in Greek and English. Our profits exceeded expectation, and we hope to have another OctHOMERfest in the coming academic year.

Immediately after OctHOMERfest we inducted 23 new members, a record for our chapter. Our stunning growth brought not only many new faces to our chapter but also a boatload of national fees. We soon realized the need for another fundraiser. In the meantime, we held our annual Christmas party at Dr. Smith's house. We also said farewell to Dr. Smith who would spend his spring on sabbatical. We eagerly await his return in the fall.

We hit upon our next fundraiser after returning from Christmas break: Latin Valentines in February! Our chapter printed and sold customized Valentine's Day cards featuring Latin and Greek texts with English translations prepared by our members. We sold about 40 cards and hope for improved sales next year.

As for others news, the Gamma Omega chapter entered two teams, the Sophoi and Nepoi, into Baylor's university-wide College Bowl competition. The Nepoi, contrary to their name, took first place, while the wise Sophoi took third. We were asked, as a result of our victories, to prepare a team of five members in order to compete at the College Bowl Regionals in Denton. While we didn't win, we were happy to have competed at that level.

Most recently, we printed new T-shirts for our neophytes and sold somewhere in the neighborhood of 60 shirts. Our fashionably-clad members had the new shirts to wear when taking the National Greek Exam and the Eta Sigma Phi translation exam.

On the subject of greatness, however, our biggest news of the year came in late March: Jason Gajderowicz and Sean Mathis, the two members of our chapter who submitted papers to Eta Sigma Phi's annual contest, were chosen to read their papers at the annual convention in San Diego! Moreover, Jeff Hunt, our chapter treasurer, won the prestigious Manson Stewart Scholarship from CAMWS. Jason Gajderowicz won honorable mention for the same award, and he was elected Prytanis (great president) at the national level. Way to go, guys!

Finally, congratulations to our new officers for the 2002-2003 academic year (see related article). I hope your terms in office will be as rewarding—and as fun—as mine has been. Bonam fortunam for next year, everyone.

Amanda Seamans
2001-02 Prytanis, Gamma Omega chapter, Eta Sigma Phi

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IN MEMORIAM
Dr. Richard Cutter

Dr. Richard Cutter, professor in Classics at Baylor from 1958 to 1994, passed away July 2, 2002. He was many a Greek student's favorite professor at Baylor, known for his keen wit, gift for explaining grammar, and concern for students. As much as anyone we have ever known, Dr. Cutter loved his wife, Phyllis, κοθός καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς ἤγαπησεν ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέδωκεν ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν (Ephes. 5:25). She has suffered with Alzheimer's disease for more than a decade.
Baylor Students Win Translation Contests

By Dr. Brent Froberg

Amanda Seamans and Trey Gorman won prizes in the Maurine Dallas Watkins Translation Contests sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi.

Competition took place at various campuses in February, and entering students competed at various levels in Greek and Latin translation and in Latin composition.

Amanda, a May 2002 graduate senior, competed in the advanced Latin sight translation contest. Amanda placed fourth out of 54 entrants.

Trey, a fourth-semester Greek student, competed in the intermediate level of Greek sight translation. Trey placed second out of a field of 20 competitors.

Eta Sigma Phi has held competitions in Greek translation for 53 years and in Latin translation for 52 years. The contests, named in honor of Maurine Dallas Watkins, offer cash prizes made possible by a generous bequest from the estate of Ms. Watkins who died in 1971. Ms. Watkins, a journalist and author, particularly admired the works of Plato and did much to foster the study of the classics.

Incoming Eta Sigma Phi President Extends A Greeting

As incoming president of our local Eta Sigma Phi chapter, my chief ambition is to increase the activities in which our organization takes part. OctHOMERfest (Oct. 29, 2001) was a good start, but I believe we can do more—perhaps initiate some service activities. Such boasts were highlighted in a thrilling speech that marked the climax of my 10-minute campaign for office. Indeed, we shall do all this and more, due to the character and indefatigable enthusiasm of my worthy cabinet: Emily Nicholson, vice president; Rochelle Schnyder, treasurer; Jason Gajderowicz, secretary of our local chapter (and national president of Eta Sigma Phi); Delip Patel, sergeant-at-arms; Lesley-Anne Dyer, fundraising. All that I hope to accomplish is not brand new, but with the help of many dedicated members and selfless advisers, it will be a continuation of the many exciting initiatives that were spear-headed by outgoing president Amanda Seamans.

Jeff Hunt
Prytanis, Gamma Omega chapter
Eta Sigma Phi
Baylor Attends National Eta Sigma Phi Convention

By Dr. Brent Froberg

Eight students and three members of the faculty from Baylor's Gamma Omega Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi attended the 74th annual National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi held April 12-14, 2002, in San Diego, CA.

at the invitation of the Zeta Gamma Chapter of San Diego State University.

Attendees from Baylor included: Sean Mathis, Jeff Hunt, Jason Gajderowicz, Tommy Fagan, Amanda Seamans, Michaella White, Lesley-Anne Dyer and Emily Nicholson, students; also, Drs. Amy Vail, Eric Kyllo and Brent Froberg, members of the Classics faculty.

The convention opened Friday evening with a reception for delegates and a classical certamen. Saturday featured business meetings, a session for oral presentation of prize-winning student papers, an excursion to famed Balboa Park, and a Saturday evening banquet attended by more than 100 convention participants. Professor Joseph A. Smith of SDSU spoke on the topic, "A Sit-Down Orgy for Fourteen and a Bride Within the Hour: Watching the Romans Eat Hollywood Food," a presentation accompanied by film clips from a variety of movies. Graduate student and actor Luca Prezates of SDSU, cast in the role of Oedipus, regaled banqueters before Professor Smith's presentation.

Each year, a special committee of Eta Sigma Phi selects three top papers from those anonymously submitted for consideration. The authors of those three papers read their winning submissions on Saturday morning. This year, Baylor earned the distinction of having two of the three papers selected. Sean Mathis read, "Unio sed tibi sim minor Catullum: Catullan

How I Was Elected National President of Eta Sigma Phi

Jason Gajderowicz, Baylor senior and Classics major, attended the Eta Sigma Phi gathering in San Diego and left that convention as the national president for the 2002-03 term. He shares his thoughts on his election to this position and what he intends to do during his year in office.

I've been asked to give the lowdown on, and skullduggery used, to obtain the national presidency of Eta Sigma Phi — Megas Prytanis, to be exact. Actually, I still have no idea as to why my Eta Sigma Phi comrades elected me, nor am I aware of any specific skullduggery used to obtain this highest position!

All I know is that I gave as sincere a campaign speech as I could, trembling from head to toe. (I am not a natural politician!) My party platform essentially was this: I believe that our organization should implement an e-mail system that includes every known chapter of Eta Sigma Phi online. This will allow us to solidify our identity as an organization to a greater degree than has been possible in the past. As I commented during my campaign speech, Eta Sigma Phi's national identity has so far seemed more like a Platonic form to me than concrete reality!

At the conference,
Baylor Students Win 30 Ribbons in NGE

By Dr. Brent Froberg

Greek students from Baylor University participated this spring for the first time in the National Greek Examination (NGE) sponsored by the American Classical League and taken by students nationwide. Students entered in several categories: Intermediate Greek, Homeric Greek, Greek Prose, and Attic Tragedy. Students who won accepted awards consisting of ribbons and certificates for achievement.

In Intermediate Greek the following students won prizes: Blue Ribbon (1), Joseph C. Barnard; Red Ribbons (3), Sabrina R. Ceballos, Lesley-Anne Dyer, and Delip Patel; Green Ribbons (6), Keven F. Funderburk, Blake R. Sansom, Dustin B. Perkins, Candace E. Spain, Claire B. Brockman, and Taylor Rogers.

In Homeric Greek, the following students won prizes: Blue Ribbons (2), Jason M. Gajderowicz and Jeff M. Hunt; Red Ribbons (6), Marcus Dracos, Clayton T. Elliott, Trey S. Gorman, Sean C. Mathis, Kellen D. Plaxco, Kathryn G. Seay; Green Ribbons (3), Megan E. Gros, Margaret A. Ray, Joseph T. Gerfers.

In Attic Prose, the following students won prizes: Blue Ribbon (1), John B. Kinnaird; Red Ribbons (2), Jason M. Gajderowicz and Jeff M. Hunt; Green Ribbons (3), Clayton T. Elliott, Sean C. Mathis, Tyler W. Willis.

In Attic Tragedy, the following students won prizes: Red Ribbons (2), Thomas E. Fagan and Amanda G. Seamans; Green Ribbon (1), Michaela J. White.

In all, Baylor students won 30 ribbons. All Baylor students who entered competition in Attic Tragedy and in Attic Prose won ribbons. Blue Ribbon prizes denote Highest Honor; Red Ribbon prizes denote High Honor; Green Ribbon prizes denote With Merit.

This year 114 colleges and schools participated in the National Greek Examination with a grand total of 1,321 entries nationwide. Baylor students from the classes of John Thorburn, John Nordling, Antony Augoustakis, Brent Froberg, and Eric Kyllo entered the competition.

How I Was Elected National President of Eta Sigma Phi

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However, I got a taste of Eta Sigma Phi's reality, and I wanted more. I am at work to finalize the address list; soon I'll be done with the job, and then all of us will be connected electronically!

Of course, I was very happy to make new friends at the Eta Sigma Phi national convention, participate in certamen, and be one of the three contestants selected to read a paper in San Diego. (My colleague and friend, Sean Mathis, won this particular competition.) I consider Sean's winning of best paper to be the high point of the convention; however, I was, of course, elated to be elected national president for the next academic year.

I feel very blessed, happy, honored, and grateful to have been elected to such a high position of trust and responsibility. I shall try to make my term in office a worthwhile one and so repay the trust of many of you who elected me.

Jason Gajderowicz
Megas Prytanis
Eta Sigma Phi
Jeff Hunt Wins 2002-03 Manson Stewart Scholarship

By Dr. Brent Froberg

The Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS) has named Jeff Hunt, junior Classics major at Baylor University, a recipient of the $1,000 Manson A. Stewart Scholarship for the 2002-03 academic year.

Each year, a special committee of CAMWS names six recipients selected from a region that includes 33 states and two provinces. All colleges and universities within that region may nominate up to two students at the sophomore or junior level who must agree to take two courses in Latin and Greek during the year in which the scholarship is held. Applicants write a brief essay, submit a college or university transcript, and supply two letters of recommendation from teachers who know their work well and are themselves members of CAMWS.

At the annual business meeting of CAMWS held April 6 in Austin, TX, the selection committee announced the names of the six winners and two alternates. Besides naming Jeff Hunt as one of the six winners, they also named Jason Gajderowicz, also of Baylor, as first alternate, and he received a year’s membership in CAMWS, including a subscription to Classical Journal.

Students of Baylor have fared well in this particular scholarship competition over the past few years. Other winners have included Amanda Seamans ('02) and David Hoot ('98).

Professor Manson A. Stewart, long-time member of the Classics department of Yankton College, stipulated in his will that CAMWS, as a secondary beneficiary, receive the funds that he had set aside for Yankton College, in the event that Yankton College should close its doors. Regrettably, the college did close in 1986, and so CAMWS has used the bequest to support the Manson A. Stewart Scholarship in his honor. CAMWS also uses funds from the Stewart bequest to offer financial aid to teachers for continuing education.

QUO VADUNT? REPORT ON RECENT AND UPCOMING GRADUATES

By Dr. Antony Augoustakis and Mrs. Thelma Mathews

Graduate studies
Tom Fagan ('02) University of Kansas
Dan Hanchey ('02) University of Texas at Austin
Tracy Jameson ('00) University of California at Santa Barbara
Sean Mathis ('02) University of Georgia at Athens
Amanda Seamans ('02) University of Georgia at Athens
Michael Sloan ('02) Texas Tech University

High School Teaching
Alex Besst ('02)
Andrea Garcia ('01) currently teaching in Georgetown, Texas
Holy Hora ('01) currently teaching in Flower Mound, Texas
Quinn Kelley ('02)

Law School
Cyndia Hammond ('02) Baylor University

Minors in Classics
Katy Oliveira ('02)
Margaret Ray ('02)

Sean Mathis delivers his first-prize paper, "Unus sest bibi sim Minor Catullus: Catullian Allusion in Martial's Epigrammata," at the national convention.
BAYLOR CLASSICS GRAD TRANSITIONS
FROM LEARNING TO TEACHING

Holly Horan graduated from Baylor in May 2001 and has been teaching at Flower Mound High School (north of Dallas, TX) since August 2001. In addition to teaching dance this year and helping with the drill team, Magistra Horan has been expanding the Latin program and is very pleased to report that she will have a full schedule of Latin next year: Latin I, II, III (pre-AP) and IV (AP). Horan applied for the Manson A. Stewart Teacher Training Award in order to take advantage of Education Career Alternatives Program (ECAP), a program intended for new and developing teachers. Horan received a $900 grant from the Manson A. Stewart committee, allowing her "to focus more on my class, rather than worry about money issues!"

I had no idea how much 'blood, sweat, and tears' go into being a high school teacher! There were times when I thought I could not make it through; 17-hour days were not unusual. In the beginning I had to base important decisions seemingly on thin air: Had all the forms been filled out correctly? What do I do when this or that happens in the classroom? When will I find time to prep for today’s assignment? Then the really important questions: Are my students actually learning Latin? Do they enjoy it? Will my Latin instruction stick with them? Will it change them?

This year I’ve come to think deeply about the transition between teaching and learning. For example, up until about a year ago I was unaware that any of my teachers were flawed; however, I have quickly become aware of some of my own faults. These have ranged from questioning whether I made the correct career choice to wondering if my students will ever forgive me for making an honest mistake. Then, too, there is the different perception of busy. As a student, I was a perpetual motion machine, moving constantly from one activity to another, pulling all-nighters, thoroughly enjoying my friends and the opportunities at Baylor. As a teacher, however, I have experienced a different sort of busy. I can no longer stay up all night working on a term paper that is due the next day because, as Magistra Horan, I have to be alert, alive and in control of the class. Teaching is exciting, yet draining, because high school teachers are as much performers (or entertainers) as they are educators. I feel that the lights are always on, even when I’d like to just disappear and crawl into a hole! So intense is the routine between 8:00 a.m. and 4:05 p.m. that sometimes I feel that my day is almost over, even before it starts!

My metamorphosis from student to teacher continues, and I have realized that there is always more to learn—no matter how many years I will be teaching Latin in the classroom.

What is the most important thing I’ve learned this year? It’s hard to say. Nothing definite stands out—except, perhaps, the realization that I would never trade this experience for all the world. I’ve been able to experience neat things this year: struggling students who finally get what I’ve been trying to teach them; a class that conspires against me in a good way, actually exceeding what I thought were my high expectations for them; students who meet their goals; students who—for the first time in their lives—actually have goals and begin to think about reaching them. This year has been an inspiration! Even when the planning gets me down, the parent conferences, disorder in the classroom, etc., I’d still say that this year has been worth it.

Magistra Horan (Baylor, Classics '01)
Flower Mound High School
Flower Mound, Texas

A Homecoming Invitation to Check Out Our New ‘Digs’

Come see our new Classics home on the third floor of Morrison Hall, previously the location for the Law School. We shall have an Open House with a free lunch served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, October 26, 2002. Visit your former Classics professors and check out their new offices and classrooms! Then, watch the Baylor Bears take on Kansas State at 2 p.m.
Speakers and Lectures at Baylor

We were again blessed this year by the contributions of many classicalists who visited Baylor, presented lectures, and enriched the lives of our faculty and students in a number of ways. Here is a sample of Classics speakers and themes over the past year:

**Kenneth Harl** (Tulane) with several lectures on Roman Asia, with a panel presentation on Plutarch assisted by Baylor Classics professors, **Eric Kyllo** and **Amy Vail**; **Joseph Pucci** (Brown) on Desire, Readings, and Language in Augustine's *Confessions* 1; **Preston Edwards** (Brown) on *Confessions* 8.12.29 and Petrarch's *Ad Familiares* 1; **Frank Rina** (Canisius College) on How Augustine and C.S. Lewis Read the Classics; **Katherine Geffcken** (Wellesley) on the Janiculum Hill; **James Ruebel** (Ball State, immediate past president of CAMWS) on Political Ambiguities in the Late Roman Republic; **Fred Crosson** (Notre Dame) on Seeing and Believing: Education and Faith; **Sir Geoffrey Lloyd** (Needham Research Institute) on Greco-Roman and Chinese Technology; **John E. Hare** (Calvin College) on the First Sentence of Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*; **Peter Burian** (Duke) on Persuasion and Justice in Aeschylus' *Oresteia*; **Duane Roller** (Ohio State) on Romans on the Desert Frontier: the Imperial Presence in Northwest Africa; and on Cleopatra's Children: **James McKeown** (UW-Madison) on Catullus as a Revolutionary Poet.

If last year was any indication, we will no doubt have many more upcoming speakers. Please periodically check our website at www.baylor.edu/classics, under *Quid Novi*. If you're in our area, we'd love to have you join us for an outstanding Classics lecture.
Diurna Ursorum

Coming Soon: Baylor In Italy 2003

Anyone interested in Baylor in Italy, our summer program, should visit our website for information, a photo gallery of past years’ trips, and to apply online. The address is: http://www.baylor.edu/~Alden_Smith/bii_main.htm.

Because BII admits only about 20 students, early registration is recommended. Students admitted to the program must submit a non-refundable deposit by March 15, 2003. The remainder of the program fee must be received by May 1, 2003. (Cancellations after May 1 are subject to penalty.) Tuition is paid to the Baylor registrar separately. Scholarship aid is available for Baylor students; contact Dr. Alden Smith for details.

QUID NOVI APUD BAYLOR?

Here is a sampling of departmental highlights. With sincere apologies to names or accomplishments inadvertently overlooked:

June 2002
- Nordling and Thorburn complete preparations to take eight Baylor in Italy (BII) participants to Rome, Ostia, Capri, Pompeii and Paestum in July
- Augoustakis presents paper in New Zealand on Pliny’s Use of Tacitean Language

May 2002
- Smith receives Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Arts and Sciences, 2001-02
- Baylor Greek students merit 30 ribbons in National Greek Examination
- Five majors present and defend senior honors theses
- Seniors graduate on May 18

April 2002
- Davis named Outstanding Professor of Baylor University Women’s League
- Thorburn delivers paper at Comparative Drama Conference, The Ohio State University
- Augoustakis, Froberg, Kyllo, Nordling, Thorburn, and Vail present papers at the 98th annual meeting of CAMWS in Austin
- Student Jeff Hunt named recipient of Manson A. Stewart Scholarship for 2002-03; Jason Gajderowicz first alternate
- Eight students and three faculty advisors (Froberg, Kyllo and Vail) attend the 74th annual convention of Eta Sigma Phi convention in San Diego, CA.
- Students Sean Mathis and Jason Gajderowicz read two of the three top papers; Mathis’ paper is judged best and published in Nuntius
- Student Jason Gajderowicz elected National President of Eta Sigma Phi for 2002-03

March 2002
- Thorburn completes book, Alcestis of Euripides

January 2002
- Augoustakis presents paper at APA Convention on Barbarian Women in Silius Italicus’ Punica
- Nordling presents paper at Lutheran Free Conference on Epistolary Salutations in Paul, in Plano

October 2001
- Kyllo and Vail chair, and Thorburn delivers a paper at, conference on Augustine’s Confessions hosted by Pruitt Memorial Symposium, Baylor
- Kyllo and Vail participate in panel discussions on Plutarch with Kenneth Harl, Tulane University
- Eta Sigma Phi hosts OctHOMERFest at Fountain Mall, Baylor
- Nordling presents paper for Lutheran Latin educators, in Potsboro

August 2001
- Vail participates in panel discussion on Multiple Intelligence Theory in Teaching, Xi’an Foreign Language University, China

July 2001
- Thorburn presents two papers on Vergil at the University of Florida, Gainesville
Contribute To Our ‘Special Fund’!

Help our students to bear up to the costs of the same classical education you received. The Classics Departmental Special Fund allows us to meet the following needs:

- **Student Travel:** so students can read papers, meet famous classics, and represent Baylor University at state, regional, and national classics conferences;
- **Baylor in Italy:** help students to participate in the annual journey abroad;
- **Library Acquisitions:** for immediate purchase of rare and hard to obtain library resources that suddenly come to our attention;
- **Discretionary:** student needs not covered above, instructional enhancements (classics tapes, videos), technology, et cetera.

Make your check payable to Baylor University, and write Classics Departmental Special Fund on your check. Indicate in a brief note which giving option you prefer (see bullets just above) and send your contribution, in any amount, to the following address:

Baylor University
Classics Fund
PO Box 97050
Waco, TX 76798

We are enormously grateful for any help you can give us!

**VOBIS GRATIAS AGIMUS**

Our most sincere thanks go to several individuals who made donations to the Classics Department Special Fund during the 2001-2002 academic year. Some of the money was used by our students to participate in Baylor in Italy 2002. We thank you for your generosity (you know who you are), and encourage others to contribute to the Classics Department Special Fund.

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**News From Alumnae and Alumni**

(Ruby) Rose Williams (BA 1959) sent a lengthy update of her life, prefaced by the admission that her “entire career grew from the Classics department at Baylor.” Among her more impressive accomplishments are an MA in Latin at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1967), post-graduate work at Oxford, Pisa, the University of Dallas, and UTexas-Arlington, several electronic textbooks on Latin, and Which Way to the Vomitorium? (St. Martin’s Press, 1999). She may be reached at rwill627@camalott.com.

Jay Samons (BA 1986) writes: “Greetings from Boston. Jeff Henderson passed along a copy of your excellent newsletter, and I was extremely impressed by it and everything else going on at Baylor Classics. My wife Jamie and I are both products of that department, and I just wanted to pass along my congratulations for all your success there. Please give our love and regards to the fabulous Tommye Lou Davis and give my best to your new appointment, Antony Angoustakis, whom I know from Brown…”

Laura Veal (BA 1996) is in her fifth year of teaching high school Latin. Last summer Laura studied in Rome at the Aestiva Romae Latinitas with Father Reginald Foster, and she gave a presentation at TCA this past fall on Father Foster’s philosophy on what goes into the creation of a successful Latin teacher. Earlier this year Laura was elected secondary level Latin representative for the Plano (Texas) ISD Improvement Committee, and she has published in LOTE on creating “scenarios” which are conducive to the learning of Latin. Laura may be reached at lveal@pisd.edu.

Jeff Johnson (BA 1998) continues doctoral studies at Princeton. He and his wife Erica welcomed the arrival of Owen, their first child. Jeff may be reached at jpmjohnso@princeton.edu.

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Editor's Note: Bowra's language reflects the almost exclusively male enrollments at Oxford during his student days there.

On the Classical curriculum at Oxford:
This rich, if exacting training was intended to develop the full man, and so far as any course may be said to do this, it does. It teaches a man to think in more than one way and, if he masters its techniques, his mind should be so disciplined that he can apply it to all manner of subjects, which need not have any direct connection with his studies. In the nineteenth century it was the chief glory of Oxford education, and in the twentieth it has kept its prestige and its appeal to young and vigorous intelligences.

On the subject of translations:
The fascination of this lay in the vast difference between Greek and Roman ways of expressing their thoughts and our own. A literal translation into English is more than likely to miss some essential point, and, conversely, before English can be put into Greek or Latin it must be reduced to its essential meaning and rid of much superfluous or indeterminate matter. The ancients did not think as we do, and that is why their languages are more difficult to master than modern European languages which have a certain common basis in structure and habits of thought. The linguistic fascination of the classics lies in trying to find proper equivalents from them in our own tongue.

On the classics in general:
The stuff of classics is essentially an attempt to extend our experience by absorbing that of a single Greco-Roman society which is both like and unlike our own, and the study is conducted largely through a close attention to a series of literary masterpieces which centuries have canonized as such. But this does not mean that we must not form our own judgments about them or ask whether they deserve their reputation. I had my own likes and dislikes, but it was not for me to convey these dogmatically to my pupils. I did indeed discuss them, but more often than not struck disagreement, which delighted me.

C.M. Bowra, Memories, 1898-1939