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Oct. 17, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Nov. 3, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Homecoming Reception
Classics Department
330 Morrison

Nov. 12, 3:00 p.m.
Guest lecture: Dr. Dimitrios
Yatromanolakis, Johns Hopkins
University, Armstrong Browning
Library

Nov. 14, 4:00 p.m.
Guest lecture: Dr. Peter Artz-
Grabner, University of Salzburg,
120 Morrison

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News, article contributions, and
corrections welcomed.



From the Chair...

Dr. John Thorburn

O tempora! The autumn of 2008 finds Baylor's Classics Department in exciting times. Dan Hanchey, who is finishing his Ph.D. at the University of Texas, joins us as a full-time Lecturer this academic year. We are also very pleased to welcome Dr. Kenneth Jones (Ph.D., Berkeley) and his family. Dr. Jones will teach both for our department and the Department of History. This summer our department also heralded Tommye Lou Davis' return. Ms. Davis, one of only twenty-three Master Teachers in Baylor's history, has been serving in the office of Baylor's President as well as heading up the University's efforts to acquire the George W. Bush Library. Drs. Alden Smith and Jeff Fish have been given approval to begin developing a Center for Ancient and Modern Political Inquiry. We are also developing proposals for a Baylor in Greece program, as well as a Master of Arts in Classics. Finally, for the first time in several years, Alden Smith will not be serving as our department's chair. Dr. Smith's excellent leadership has put us in a great position for the future. For example...

- (1) Since 1993, the number of faculty in our department has increased over two hundred percent.
- (2) Since 1993, the number of students taking Greek at Baylor is also at its highest level.

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Faculty Profile: Tommye Lou Davis

Dr. Simon P. Burris

This Fall semester sees the return of Tommye Lou Davis, Associate Professor of Latin, to teaching in the Baylor Classics Department after a busy four years in University administration working as Special Assistant to President, later Chancellor, Robert Sloan.

"I'm thrilled to have Tommye Lou Davis back in our department," says Interim Department Chair, Dr. John Thorburn, Associate Professor of Classics, who happens to have been one of Davis's former students when he was an undergraduate at Baylor. "She brings the highest level of pedagogical excellence to our department. Her significant work in administration and service will also benefit our department in myriad ways."

Davis, who is teaching two sections of Elementary Latin this semester, is well-known for her excellence in teaching, as demonstrated by her winning the distinction of Master Teacher, the most prestigious teaching award offered at Baylor.

"You don't have to be in her class long to realize that she is indeed a Master Teacher," says Dr. Jeff Fish, Associate Professor of Classics and another former Davis student. "She organizes the material in such useful and elegant ways that you can latch onto it easily. Even the board looks beautiful after a class. Mine looks more like a battleground. We're thrilled to have her back, and to be able to draw on her wisdom in order to make the department even greater."

Davis's history with the Department is long and distinguished. When she came to Baylor as freshman in 1962, she had had four years of Latin in high school. Wishing to continue in the language, she went to see Dr. Butler, then Chair of the Department, who handed her a book of Vergil from which to read. Apparently Davis's audition went well, for she found herself the only freshman in Intermediate Latin, and was soon tutoring upperclassmen. Dr. Butler taught her Greek by conference sitting under the trees in the quadrangle in front of Old Main.

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Faculty Scholarship

Alexander Alderman

"Phronesis in Xenophon's *Oeconomicus* and Plato's *Politicus*." In *Atti delle Prime Giornate di Studio sulla Letteratura Socratica Antica*. Levante, Bari 2007.

"Suicide by Jury in Xenophon's *Apology*." CAMWS 2007.

"Virtue and Vice: Socrates in Xenophon and Plato." Northeastern Political Science Association 2006.

"*Mutat Via Longa Puellas*: Callimachean Images Altered in Propertius." CAMWS Southern Section 2006.

Antony Augoustakis

Statius's Silvae and the Poetics of Intimacy, co-edited with Carole Newlands. Johns Hopkins, 2007.

"*Surus Cor Perfrigefacit*: Elephants in Plautus' *Pseudolus*." *Philologus* 151 (2007): 177-82.

"Introduction: Statius's *Silvae* and the Poetics of Intimacy." *Arethusa* 40.2 (2007): 117-25.

"*Unius amissi leonis*: Taming the Lion and Caesar's Tears (*Silvae* 2.5)." *Arethusa* 40.2 (2007): 207-21.

Simon Burris

"*Victrix augebat Cynthia regnum*: On Seneca's Astronomical Dating at *Apocolocyntosis* 2.1." CAMWS 2007.

"The Eagle's Prey at *Nemean* 3.80-82." APA 2007.

Julia Dyson-Hejduk

"Ovid and Religion." In *A Companion to Ovid* (ed. Peter Knox). Blackwell, 2007 (forthcoming).

Clodia: A Sourcebook. University of Oklahoma Press, 2007 (forthcoming).

"The Lesbia Poems." In *A Companion to Catullus* (ed. Marilyn Skinner). Blackwell, 2007: 254-75.

Jeff Fish

"A Plus-verse from the *Odyssey* in PHerc. 1507, Philodemus' On the Good King According to Homer." *ZPE* 159 (2007) 73-80.

"Philodemus' On the Good King According to Homer and the Commentary Tradition." *Books About Books*. University of Michigan 2006

"POxy. Inv. 23.3B/8(1-3)(b), A Presocratic Papyrus on Perception." *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri*, vol. LXX, edd. D. Obbink and N. Gonis. Egypt Exploration Society, London. (forthcoming)

Dr. Fish produced the Epicurean Studies on Mackinac Island Conference (June 2-6, 2007) at which he delivered a paper entitled "Politicians Without Ambition: Epicurean Statesmen in the Late Republic. He also gave invited lectures at Southwestern University and Trinity University.

Welcome, Doctor Jones!



The Classics Department is pleased to welcome Dr. Ken Jones as our new Assistant Professor, jointly appointed with History. Dr. Jones received his Ph.D. in Ancient History (as well as his M.A. and A.B.) from the University of California at Berkeley, and comes to us most recently from a position at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. Dr. Jones wrote his dissertation, he says, to answer the question, "What did provincials, especially Jews, think about the Roman Empire?" This semester he is teaching a history course on Ancient Greece as well as one of our upper-level Latin courses in Sallust.

When asked "Why Baylor?", Dr. Jones does not hesitate, but quickly answers that our University attracted him with its 2012 vision, which values scholarship without disregarding a Christian commitment.

Dr. Jones and his wife, Tracey, are both natives of Los Angeles. They bring with them one daughter, Elena. We warmly welcome all three and look forward to keeping up with the Joneses! ❧

Standing Room Only on Fridays

Dr. Timothy Heckenlively

It is 4:00 pm on a Friday and the room is full. One may notice several faculty colleagues in the crowd, but the majority are students, 30-40 of them. It is now standing room only. Indeed, several people are sitting on the floor for lack of chairs. Some have come for extra credit, but the majority are present out of simple curiosity. It is a room packed with young people who are eager to learn something about the ancient world.

Since Fall of 2007, this scene has been a regular event in Morrison 330. Drawing on their research or other areas of interest, members of the Classics faculty have been presenting brief talks relating to the study of the ancient world. The popularity of this series comes from the format. Prior knowledge of antiquity is not required, only a willingness to discover that the ancient world is a fascinating place and worthy of study.

The range of talks showcases the breadth of talent in our department. John Thorburn has spoken about Greek Athletics and Roman Gladiators. David White prepared introductory workshops on Hieroglyphics and Cuneiform. And Ted Somerville discussed the decipherment of Linear B.

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- (3) The number of Baylor Interdisciplinary Core students taught by Classics faculty is also at its acme.
- (4) In the autumn of 2003, our faculty taught about 550 students. Five years later, we are teaching right around 800 students.

Indeed, the Baylor Classics Department has much to be thankful for, and so I take this opportunity to thank our faculty and staff, as well as our students and supporters. I appreciate everything you have done and will continue to do to help support our mission of educating men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community. ❧

After sweeping regionals by winning all nine games, the Baylor University College Bowl Team went to nationals for the third time in four years. Coached by Dr. Brent Froberg, the Baylor team made it to the final four, their highest placement to date.

Congratulations Brent!



Dr. Thorburn demonstrating the meaning of *duco*.
Pompeii Amphitheatre, Baylor in Italy 2007

The seasonal talks have been memorable, drawing especially large crowds. Last year, Timothy Heckenlively gave a Halloween themed presentation on "Blood-Sucking Female Freaks in Ancient Greece". For Valentine's Day, Amy Vail amused love-struck students with advice from Ovid on "The Art of Falling Out of Love". This fall brought another special Halloween talk, Kevin Hawthorne on "Ancient Greek Black Magic".

The series also showcases the value of study abroad. In addition to a presentation by Antony Augoustakis on Baylor in Italy, two of our undergraduates, Sonya Maness and Erin Stewart, have shared their experiences abroad in Pylos and Sicily. ❧

In Memoriam: Sandy McKay

Dr. R. Alden Smith

*Sunt lacrimae rerum et mentem
mortalia tangunt*

A Brief Reflection on the Life and Work of
Alexander G. McKay

The Classics Department at Baylor joins the wider classics community in grieving the loss of, while simultaneously celebrating the life of, Alexander G. McKay. Professor McKay was known to the Baylor community in part through his scholarship and in part personally, as he was a life-long friend of Dr. Brent Froberg and Dr. Amy Vail. Dr. Hejduk and I came to know him chiefly through our scholarship on Virgil and service to the Vergilian Society. Others in our department knew him both from professional conferences and because, for the past three years, he visited Baylor in his capacity as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Vergilian Society. The society's editor, Dr. Patricia Johnston, wrote about him in the tribute volume of *Vergilius* (2004), which celebrated his 80th birthday, that he was "a towering presence in the Vergilian Society from a very early time." Indeed, after many years of work with the society in the 50s and 60s, he served as President from 1973-74 and was a frequent director of its Classical Summer School for well over three decades.

Yet Dr. McKay was more than a Vergilian, more than a philologist: he was the quintessential classicist, as conversant with material culture as with texts. His contribution surpassed mere scholarly expertise; it surpassed even the contribution that he made in the classroom and on Vergilian Society tours. Perhaps his most lasting bequest is his example for us all of the personal touch of a bygone era, a gentleness that now is exceptionally rare, a warm smile, a hopeful glance, and an air of humility most unexpected in someone of his station. Sandy's personal faith, coupled with his hopeful and positive view of his fellow human beings, made him the one of the most remarkable and generous people in the guild of classics, most notably in the Vergilian Society. He leaves us with memories not only of masterful scholarship and encyclopedic knowledge but also of courage, hope, kindness, and diplomacy. He was a reader who internalized Virgil's poetry and robustly applied its humane teachings to his life. These are the gifts that form his indelible legacy.

It was a unique honor both for Dr. Hejduk, who was on the Board of the Vergilian Society in 2003, and for me to have served with him in the society that he valued so deeply. ❧

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Two weeks before Davis was to graduate with her B.A. in Spring of 1966, Dr. Butler called asking if she could teach four classes of Latin in the Fall. Each class would contain about 60 students. Davis recalls that said "no" four times before accepting the assignment. While teaching she would continue her education in the Graduate School at Baylor, getting her Masters in Counseling with the intention of becoming a high school counselor.

Six years later she had tenure and rank. Davis recalls that she realized early on that she had found her vocation. In her own words, "That's what my life's calling was: teach Latin to Baylor students."

It is for this reason that, when asked by President Sloan in 2003 to come and work in administration, Davis's initial reaction was "No, thank you." Given three weeks to decide, she eventually changed her mind. She had thought to go on teaching part time, but soon decided that she "was going to have to give up [her] teaching for a while." This difficult decision was rooted in a concern for her students. Davis explains that she "never wanted them to feel they were second on my Baylor list."

Davis calls serving in President's office and Chancellor's office an "incredible learning experience" that gave her broader knowledge of the campus, especially of its staff community. "There is a lot to be said for institutional memory," says Davis. "There is a lot of people here who have given their lives for Baylor."

One of the highpoints of Davis's time in administration was the 2005 Trilateral meeting between President Bush, President Fox of Mexico, and Prime Minister Martin of Canada. Along with Larry Brumley, Davis made the arrangements for the meeting, held on the Baylor University campus, working closely with the White House, State Department, and Secret Service. Despite being given only ten days in which to prepare, Davis helped to achieve several minor "miracles", including the finding of an eighteen-foot diameter table for the meeting in the Reading Room of the...

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Faculty Scholarship, con't.

Brent Froberg

"Who Said 'No One Could Do It?' An Iliad in Dactylic Hexameter." Third Annual J. Ward Jones Lecture, College of William and Mary.

Kevin Hawthorne

"Political Discourses at the End of Sophokles' *Philoktetes*." *Classical Antiquity* 25.2 (2006): 243-76.

Timothy Heckenlively

"Hesiod and the Eros of Death: the problem of Keyx." CAMWS 2007

"*Lacus Terribilis*: Hesiodic Echoes in *Aeneid* 8", CAMWS Southern Section 2006.

Alden Smith

"Books in Search of a Library: Ovid's 'Response' to Augustan *Libertas*." *Vergilius* 52 (2007) 45-54.

"Fantasy, Myth, and Love Letters: Text and Tale in Ovid's *Heroides*." In *Oxford Readings in Ovid*, (ed. Peter Knox) Oxford, 2007) 217-237.

"Teaching in the Context of Baylor 2012." In *The Baylor Project: Taking Christian Higher Education to the Next Level* (ed. B. Hankins and D. Schmeltekopf) St. Augustine's Press, 2007. 185-202.

Ted Sommerville

"The Orthography of the New Gallus and the Spelling Rules of Lucilius." *ZPE* 160 (2007) 59-64.

"The Literary Merit of the New Gallus." *Classical Philology* April 2009 (forthcoming).

"Note on a Reversed Acrostic in Vergil, *Georgics* 1.429-33." *Classical Philology* 2010 (forthcoming).

John Thorburn

"Flannery O'Connor's 'Good Country People' and the Homeric Tradition." *Classical and Modern Literature* 26.2 (forthcoming).

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- Promotions
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Classics is a Baylor Tradition

Did you know...

...that the first graduate of Baylor University, Stephen Decatur Rowe, received his A.B. in ancient history in 1854? He remained at Baylor through 1856 as Assistant Professor of Ancient Languages and Literatures and "resident graduate".

...that Baylor University's second and sixth president, Rufus C. Burleson, taught himself Greek and Hebrew while recovering from an illness in 1841?

...that in 1854, freshman students had to pass exams in Greek and Latin Grammar, Caesar, Virgil, select orations of Cicero, and Greek New Testament to get *into* Baylor?

...that Baylor's original A.B. curriculum included three years each of both Greek and Latin? Greek and Roman history were also required.

...that in the tradition of Stephen Decatur Rowe, four of our current Classics faculty earned their B.A. from Baylor and then returned to serve the University?

...that two of our faculty, Tommye Lou Davis and Alden Smith, hold the highest teaching honor at Baylor, the designation of Master Teacher?

...that two of our faculty, Alden Smith and Brent Froberg, are recipients of Collegiate Teaching Awards from the American Philological Association?

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Presidential Latin Humor at Baylor

Excerpt from Harry Haynes and George J. Burleson, *The Life and Writings of Rufus C. Burleson*.

Dr. Burleson was very grave and dignified in manner, easy in conversation, never "spun yarns" or told "smutty stories" but there was a streak of original, refined humor running through his nature which at times he seemed to be unable to suppress. A little incident illustrates this trait.

In the Female Department of the University at Independence there was a most charming young lady whose surname was Rem. In the Male Department there was a fine young man whose first name was Lem, a contraction of Lemuel. Lem was very much in love with Miss Rem and everybody in both the school and town knew it. On one occasion when hearing the class in Latin grammar, Dr. Burleson gave Lem the noun Res to decline. He commenced res, rei, rem. Before he could finish Dr Burleson interposed and continued, "found in the accusative and governed by Lem".

The class was convulsed with laughter and Dr. Burleson dismissed it, saying, "Young gentlemen you can get this same lesson for to-morrow."

Baylor in Italy 2007

Holly Murphy
(University Scholar, Class of 2010)

There is no better way to study archeology than to wander the streets of ancient Pompeii, or meander through the Roman Forum. Studying abroad provides an unrivaled, hands-on educational adventure. While in Italy, I learned a few important things:

1. If the food is good, the trip is good. Nothing made me feel better about losing my passport than the cheesy, zesty lasagne I had for dinner that evening.

2. Never lose your passport while abroad. (But, if such a misfortune should occur, don't worry—the US Embassy is full of very friendly, helpful people.)

3. Gelato is always worth whatever effort goes into procuring it. Even if we had just eaten a delicious four course meal, we still squeezed through many crowded street blocks and paid any price for that creamy dessert.

4. Always listen to the bus driver. Carlo knew all the best places to go (and almost every person in Italy). He led us to a delicious lunch on a farm near Marsala, where we feasted on home-made *Spaghetti Trapanesi*, bread, cake, and the reddest, freshest *pomodori* I've ever eaten.

5. Watching the sun rise over the Tyrrhenian Sea is worth getting up early. From the roof of our hotel in Palermo, I welcomed the new morning along with a cluster of fishermen, already bobbing at sea. Though only half-awake, I was still awed by the site.

6. The physique of Michelangelo's *David* rivals that of the governor of California. In the words of our Florentine guide, Piergiacomo Petrioli, this masterpiece is, "Ah, how do you say, ah, a beef-cake." 🍖



Dr. Augoustakis with students in Selinunte
Baylor in Italy 2007



Dr. Giorgio Filippi meets with students at the Vatican
Museum, Baylor in Italy 2007



Reporting from Rome...



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Faculty Profile, conclusion

Browning Armstrong Library, along with a rug to match (eventually two matching rugs were used).

Davis is most proud, however, of her contribution to Baylor's Bush Library project, of which she served as Director. Although Baylor has not (as of yet) been selected as the site of the Bush Presidential Library, Davis points out that the work that went into the proposal "was not in vain." One example of the positive results of the project is the "Center for Ancient and Modern Political Inquiry" being developed by Dr. Alden Smith, Professor of Classics, and Dr. Fish. The "Center" is an outgrowth of conversations between Davis and Dr. Smith about how the Baylor Classics Department could be involved with the Bush Library if it should come to Baylor.

When asked for her impressions upon returning to teach in the Department this Fall, Davis points to the many changes since she left in 2003, particularly the growth of the Classics faculty. Davis appreciates the resulting reduction in class sizes (19 students as opposed to 35 to 40 in an Elementary Latin section), which she says leads to a "closer feeling" that helps make it easier to get to know students even in the first week. Besides calling this "a very positive change," Davis points out that the reduction in class size indicates the Classics Department's contribution to the realization of Baylor 2012.

Even so, Davis was nervous on first day of school, having been out of the classroom for four years. She was concerned about other changes since 2003: student blogs, internet sites with reviews of professors, and the phenomenon of "helicopter parents." What she found in the classroom, however, has allayed her fears.

"Students have been a very pleasant surprise," says Davis. "2012 is definitely working. My students are more studious, better prepared than when I left."

Another change of which Davis is keenly aware is the recent major restructuring in development at Baylor, in which each department has more direct responsibility for raising funds. Concerning the need for alumni to contribute to the Department, she would remind them that we "always have students in need" of scholarships and financial support for overseas opportunities.

There can be little doubt that Davis is one of the Department's best hopes for alumni development. The lasting influence she has had on her many former students is demonstrated by the words of the Department's current Chair, Dr. Thorburn:

"When I came to Baylor, I had little idea in

what subject I wanted to major; but after one week of Latin 1302 with Ms. Davis, during the first semester of my freshman year, I knew I wanted to be a Latin teacher." ❧

L'annee c'est arrivée!

The Baylor Classics Department recently corrected an embarrassing omission in its bibliographical resources when Dr. Ted Somerville (whose new nickname shall be "Hawkeye") spotted a full set of *L'annee* for sale online. The purchase was achieved through the workings of David White (hereafter "The Producer"), our intrepid liason with the Baylor Library system. White reports:

"Our complete set of *L'annee philologique* (bought through our large project office request over the summer) has arrived and is on the shelf in the reference section of Jones Library. We are now the proud owners of a complete set of *L'annee philologique*, including Marouzeau's preceding volume *Dix annes*! So we have bibliographical coverage for 1914 on, up to the most recent printed volume."

Merci beaucoup, messieurs! ❧

Doctor Vail Moves to Brooks

Dr. Amy Vail, Assistant Professor of Classics, moved this semester from her long-time office on the third floor of Morrison Hall to new digs in the new Brooks Honors College. The move, while a boon to her colleagues in Great Texts, leaves the Classics Department sadly short on improvised afternoon harpsichord continuo. Also missed will be the lively, lobster-oriented decorations that once graced the door of MH 326. Fortunately for us and for posterity, said decorations were recently featured in *Baylor Line*, the magazine of the Baylor Alumni Association so buy your copy today! Failing that, you may skip along to Brooks College 158 to see how the lobsters are doing in their new (wood-paneled) environment. ❧



Dr. Giorgio Filippi (left, middle row), April 2006

Recent Lectures

April 26 - Dr. Giorgio Filippi

Curator of the Epigraphic Collection of the Vatican Museums and Director of Excavations, St. Paul's Outside the Walls
"Through the Grating: Lights and Shadows on St. Paul's Tomb in Rome"

March 28, 29 - Dr. Giancarlo Abbamonte

University of Naples

"From Printing to Manuscripts: The Use of the Printed Text of Apollonius Rhodius' *Argonautica* among the Italian Humanists (1469-1521)."

"Between Zenodotus and Aristarchus: Apollonius of Rhodes and the Debate about Homer's Text in the Alexandrian Museum"

March 26 - Dr. John F. Miller

University of Virginia
March 26, "The Gods at Virgil's Battle of Actium."

March 19 - Dr. Victor Castellani

University of Denver
March 19, "Now You See Her, Now *You* Don't: Athena and Friends in Greek Art and Literature."

February 23 - Dr. Monica S. Cyrino

University of New Mexico
February 23, "From Santa Fe to Jerusalem: Governor Lew Wallace and the Idea of Empire in Ben-Hur."

Mark your calendars!

Friday, February 29 is
Latin Day 2008

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"In my opinion no better preparation can be made for the study of the sciences or for the practical business of life than by the study of the classical languages." *William F. Magie, founder of the American Physics Association*

"There is no better way for the student to train himself in the choice of the very word that will fit his thought than by translation from Latin and Greek. Thus he develops habits of analysis, habits of discriminating choice of words, habits of accurate apprehension of the meaning which another has sought to convey by written words which lead to power of expression and to power of clear thinking. Such habits are worth more to the lawyer than all the information which a modern school may hope to impart." *Roscoe Pound, former dean of Harvard Law School*

HΣΦ Report

Lindsay Hatch (Past President, Class of 2007)

It was another exciting year for the members of the Gamma Omega chapter at Baylor University. We kicked the off year off with a "Back to School Bash," complete with the appropriate toga wrapping and temple building contests. The dimensions of the togas were close to the monstrosity of fabric used in antiquity which made the event, needless to say, entertaining. The temples had to be constructed using only masking tape and newspaper. One of them even stood for a few months before it was sacked. This event was accompanied by the printing of a not so appropriate t-shirt: the epsilon with a circumflex which, as Dr. Froberg would say is, "the stuff nightmares are made of." The purposes of the "Back to School Bash" were twofold: one, to raise awareness of our organization to all underclassman currently taking classics classes and entice them into being inducted and two, to promote solidarity among the current members of Eta Sigma Phi.

We inducted 16 new members into our ranks this year. A great time and much pizza

were had by all. One group even sang Monty Python's chant of the friars in Latin to prove their worthiness for induction.

This year marked our 6th annual OctHOMER-fest fundraiser. Due to the early onset of the monsoon season in Texas, it was also the first ever OctHOMERfest to be held on November 1st.

Latin Day was also a huge success. We hosted 160 high school Latin students. The day's activities included *certamen*, gladiatorial fights, a full-clad *Declamatio* contest and a performance of sections from Plautus' *Menaechmi*.

After convention held our first annual "Vernal Ve/irgil Vigil" being spelled as such in order to cater to the opposing powers. This magnanimously beneficial event coincided with Baylor's spring holiday, *Dia del Oso* ("day of the bear"). We staked a place right in front of all the Baylor festivities so as to mesmerize the masses with our mystical classical powers and then convert them all into classicists.

To bring an end to such an incredible year, we consummated our time at Baylor with a Classics Teacher Appreciation Day to honor those to whom we owe so much. ☘



Students and Faculty
HΣΦ Take-A-Dative 2007



☘ *Date et Dabitur Vobis* ☘

ὅς μὲν γὰρ κεν ἀνὴρ ἐθέλων,
ὃ γε καὶ μέγα, δῶη,
χαίρει τῷ δώρῳ καὶ τέρεται
ὄν κατὰ θυμόν

Hesiod, *Works and Days* 357-58

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