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UBINAM GENTIUM SUMUS?

The beginning of the 1956-57 academic year seems an appropriate time to take stock of our fraternity and its activities, particularly since 1957 is the thirtieth anniversary of our incorporation. It is always more pleasant to make a survey when an organization is progressing, and inasmuch as this is very true of Eta Sigma Phi each member should be pleased and proud to have a part in the fraternity's forward advance.

More and more schools and colleges have been granted charters since the reorganization of Eta Sigma Phi following World War II. With the return of Alpha Omega Chapter to the roll of active chapters and the granting of charters to Gamma Xi and Gamma Omicron Chapters there are now fifty-seven active chapters. Gamma Pi Chapter will be established at Loyola University in Chicago during this year. It is of course regrettable that several of our older chapters in some of our strongest institutions of higher learning are now inactive but perhaps some of these may be reactivated soon.

A consideration of our finances is also heartening. Our investments are now greater than ever before and the income from these is sufficient to permit the fraternity to use the income for the furtherance of classical studies. In compliance with instructions from the last national convention the Board of Trustees is planning to offer a scholarship for study abroad for next summer if possible. The American School of Classical Studies at Athens is

interested in assisting with the scholarship and the first one will probably be offered for study there.

The medal fund is in good condition and a number of chapters award these medals in the high schools in their

communities and states to encourage the study of Latin. It is hoped that more chapters will participate in this. The Eta Sigma Phi Contests attract more interest each year. Last year 176 contestants from 48 schools entered the four contests. The next issue of THE NUNTIUS will feature the contests.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convention should have the largest attendance on record, since over half of the chapters are near Evanston. It is appropriate that the meeting should be held in Illinois, in which state Eta Sigma Phi was incorporated in 1927.

The present plans of Beta Chapter, the host, is to hold the convention on April 5 and 6, 1957, in a hotel in Evanston, Illinois.

In one state, Wisconsin, the chapters have organized as a group to hold a state convention and publish an annual newsletter under the name of *Angelia*. Volume III, edited by Beta Sigma Chapter and published May 8, 1956, maintains the high standards of former years. This type of cooperation among chapters is in the spirit of Eta Sigma Phi.

Your editor is proud of Eta Sigma Phi and wishes all members to share his pride and enthusiasm. For this reason he has put down these rambling thoughts to help you realize the fraternity's significance in the world of scholarship.

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Greetings to all members of Eta Sigma Phi.....
As we begin another year of fraternity experience in Eta Sigma Phi, it is my sincere desire that we will work together to maintain a fraternity of sound purposes, high ideals, and useful service. My best wishes go to all chapters during the coming year and a warm welcome to the new chapters at Monmouth College and Howard University. Again I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president and I am always ready to consider any suggestions or ideas that you might have to offer.

Don W. Zacharias

MEGAS HYPARCHOS



MEGAS PRYTANIS

Don W. Zacharias, Megas Prytanis of Eta Sigma Phi, a native Hoosier, is a senior at Georgetown College, where he is majoring in speech. Although he is still a young college student, he is an ordained Baptist minister and has served as the pastor of a church for two years. Readers of the *NUNTIUS* who reside near Salem, Indiana, may have heard his voice during the summer over radio station WSLM, where he is chief announcer. Don says he did everything from news broadcasts to disc jockey programs. He is a member of the Salem Jaycees.

Don is doubtless very busy at Georgetown this year with his many activities, but he finds enough time for studying to be on the Dean's List. In addition to being Prytanis of Gamma Theta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, he is President of Pawling Hall dormitory, News Editor of the *GEORGETONIAN*, campus newspaper, Sports Editor of the *BELLE OF THE BLUE*, the annual, and participates in debates, which won him membership in Pi Kappa Delta. Since he is still single, he possibly finds time to make (pastoral) calls on some attractive young ladies in his church. Next year Don plans to do graduate work in speech.

Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention will remember the significant contributions which Don made to the discussions there. His clear presentation of his sensible ideas was a contributing factor to his election to the presidency.

Carol Gerwig, Megas Hyparchos of Eta Sigma Phi, has been a member of Gamma Chapter for almost three years, was its secretary last year, and is now directing its activities as Prytanis. This semester she is a student teacher of English, her major, at Athens High School. Her minor field is Latin. Carol is interested in English literature and plans to do graduate work in that field next year. She has been a student assistant in the Department of English for three years.

Waverly, Ohio, is Carol's home town but she attended high school in Marion, Illinois. She returned to her native state to attend Ohio University, where she is now a senior. Carol was President of the Interdormitory Council last year. This year she is Judicial Chairman of Women's League, to which every woman student belongs, Senior Adviser of Alpha Lambda Delta, and a member of Chimes, honorary society for junior women, Kappa Delta Pi, and Mortar Board. She has been on the staff of both the *POST*, the University newspaper, and the *ATHENA*, the annual.

Carol has attended two national conventions of Eta Sigma Phi and she says she is looking forward to her third in Chicago. Members of Eta Sigma Phi can assist her in making a good report at the convention by letting her know of colleges and universities where chapters of Eta Sigma Phi could be founded.



MEGAS GRAMMATEUS

Marianne Jansen, Megas Grammateus of Eta Sigma Phi, has the distinction of having been a member of two chapters of the fraternity. She was initiated into Beta Xi Chapter at Rosary College in her freshman year and upon her transfer to Mount Mary College the following year she became a member of Beta Omicron Chapter, of which she is now Prytanis for the second year. She had the privilege of touring Europe last summer and enjoyed visiting the archaeological remains in Rome and other parts of Italy.

Marianne was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, but since her family moved to Milwaukee before she was six months old, that city has been her home most of her life. She was graduated from Holy Angels Academy of Milwaukee, where she studied Latin for four years and won the Eta Sigma Phi medal which was presented by Beta Omicron Chapter on the basis of a city-wide contest. Marianne says that winning that medal encouraged her to continue the study of Latin in college and to choose that subject for her major. Her minor subjects are French and English. She is now a senior and is preparing to teach by doing student teaching at Rufus King High School in Milwaukee. In addition to Eta Sigma Phi she is a member of the Sodality, Sigma Tau Delta, professional English fraternity, and the Language Club. She was awarded fourth place in the Eta Sigma Phi Annual Essay Contest in 1955.

Marianne's hobbies are best expressed in her own words: "My hobbies are travel, first and foremost, photography, swimming, baseball (as a spectator!), and music." She hopes to return to Europe soon. But before that, she must prepare the minutes of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention, which is her chief duty as Megas Grammateus.



MEGAS CHRYSOPHYLAX

Richard L. Brown, Megas Chrysophylax of Eta Sigma Phi, is the national officer who must attend to his duties with the fraternity even during the vacation period of the summer, since his signature is required in paying our expenses. He spent a profitable summer of work in the Finishing Department of the Armco Steel Corporation at Butler, Pennsylvania, his home town, and enjoyed, in his words, the "novelty of money for a change."

Richard is a senior at Washington and Jefferson College, which he entered following his graduation from Butler Area Senior High School, and is a major in the Department of Greek. He is active on the campus in the Buskin Club, a dramatic organization, the Franklin Literary Society, and Alpha Psi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. He serves on the staff of *THE WALL*, a literary magazine, and *THE PANDORA*, the college yearbook. Richard's work on these was rewarded by membership in Pi Delta Epsilon, national honor society for students of journalism. He is also president of the Outing Club. He has been vice-president and secretary of Alpha Tau Omega and represents his fraternity in intramural sports, such as track, wrestling, and ping pong. Although he does not participate in varsity sports he encourages them as a cheerleader. Richard plans to enter the ministry and he would prefer the missionary field. Before he enters seminary he would like to do some graduate work and perhaps try his hand as a college teacher.

As Chairman of the Auditing Committee at the last national convention Richard's perseverance gained approval of his committee's second report after the first caused an explosion. His smile and good humor at this time won him the office of treasurer and his prompt and efficient handling of his duties shows the wisdom of this selection.

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NEW INITIATES

The following is a list of initiates reported from March 1, 1956 to August 31, 1956.

Beta: Lenore Baker, Jack Bernstein, Roberta Boyer, Elliott Cohen, Roger Conner, Mike Farmer, Elaine Kirkman, Linda Salay, William Sonzski, Sandra Stegmiller; associate members; Roberta Q. Meyers, Mildred H. Mosley; honorary members; Carl Roebuck, Stuart G. P. Small.

Gamma: Ruth Ann Chastain, Phyllis Jean Peterson, Andrea Frances Wrenn, Chester A. Bennett, Jr., Mary M. Hickinbotham, Richard Earl Riley, Stanley Ira Schneeweis, James Samuel Waggener, Mary Lou Wichterman

Zeta: Mary Collin, Ann Fisher, John Hill, John Kenower.

Theta: David E. Albright, Jay E. Bachrach, Martha Bird, Kay Board, Patricia Keates, Maryliz Milling, Malcolm F. Peel, Irwin R. Smith.

Lambda: Richard Moore, Kay Haley, Donna Harvey, Sylvia Topp, Jack Warren.

Pi: Milton Boykin, David Jones, Frank Joyce, Charlene Purvis, Mary Beth Reed, Jerry Sisson.

Tau: Sue Davenport, Jane Martin Brock, Mary W. Campbell.

Upsilon: Patricia Authier, Jo Eddie Caldwell, Joan McElroy, Mary Carolyn Wilson.

Omega: Virginia Anding, Hunter Benedict, Madelyn Bennett, Ralph Brightwell, Margaret Brooks, William W. Brook, Richard Couture, Patricia Ann Crews, Jean Cromwell, Lynn Everard, Nancy Louise Griffin, William Oden Hamblar, Florence L. DeHart, Betty Anne Jones, Faye Jones, Mary Kaknis, Susan Knott, M. Barry Levy, Virgil V. McKenna, MaryAnn Makovsky, Roger Mazella, Julie Ann Mudge, Nancy Norton, Barbara Rapp, Francis P. Riley, Michael Savvides, Rochelle Joy Schlappizzi, Margaret Shreeves, Barbara L. Thiele, Carole Westphal.

Alpha Rho: Jon LaFaver, Thomas Miller, Thomas Nottle, Charles Seivard, David Walker.

Alpha Tau: Jim Altieri, Carol Fellure, Laura Hallstrum, Robert Kreiter, Emerson Laird, Mary Oliver, Janet Overmyer, Robert Sturms, Robert Wieland, Myrona Zellers.

Gamma Epsilon: Eleanor V. Babb, Thomas E. Braatz, Ann Johnson, Elizabeth Roach, Jane Rosen, Joan Wilson; associate members: Richard Adamany, Harry Dell, Richard P. Jungkuntz, Robert L. Wind.

Gamma Theta: Robert Carlton, Bonnie Wells Conley, Shirley Jagers, Joyce Forbes Kinnison.

Gamma Iota: Dennis Richard Bodem, Robert Howard Houtz, Hubert Darrell Lance.

Gamma Lambda: Francis J. Poncelet.

Gamma Mu: Phillip R. Blake, Frederick J. Horst, Daniel L. Migliore, Robert Lawrence Peterson.

Gamma XI: Charter Members: Godfried Tetteh-Quaye Aryee, Helen V. Broadhurst, Edwin C. Brown, Jr., Samuel B. Davis, Rupert G. Grant, Henry C. Gregory, Jr., Quester D. Hannah, Winifred D. Johnson, Ray A. Kea, Charmaine V. Keyes, Gilbert A. Lowe, Adrianna A. Roberts, Walter J. Ross, Patricia F. Smith, Anthony M. Spaulding, John E. Vincent, Norma R. Wood; honorary members: Annette Eaton, Mrs. Sylvia Gerber (Adviser of the Chapter), Frank Snowden, Philip Wooby.

Gamma Omicron: Charter Members: David Bergstrom, Jacqueline Berry, Sarah Wraight Black, William D. Hankins, Phyllis Lanphere, Charles Lyon, Gail Machorosky, Arlene Miller, Walter Morrill, Edward Nelson, Thomas Ores, Elisabeth Regennitter; Ronald Smith, Sara Strong, James Thomas, Joan Whitsitt, Martha Woods, Wilbur Wygant; honorary members; Mrs. Charles Blair, Bernice Fox (Adviser of the Chapter), Harold J. Ralston and Garrett Thiessen.

(Rest of chapters listed in January issue)

AMONG THE CHAPTERS

BETA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Beta Chapter held its spring initiation on May 10 at which time ten active and two associate members were initiated. Stuart G. P. Small and Carl Roebuck from the faculty were initiated as honorary members. Dr. E. L. Highbarger, Professor Emeritus of Classics at Northwestern, read a paper on the third book of the *Aeneid*.

Professor Grudy Steiner, adviser of the chapter, says that committees are already at work preparing for the Twenty-ninth National Convention. Beta Chapter will also be in charge of the installation of Gamma Pi Chapter at Loyola University in the near future.

PI, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Roy Wells was elected the new Prytanis of Pi Chapter at its final meeting of the year, which was the annual picnic. Members of the last National Convention will be sorry to learn that Arleen Gray, who has been the assistant to the Executive Secretary, has moved to Miami, Florida, and is not a member of Pi Chapter this year.

OMEGA, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

At the close of last year, William Miranda, Treasurer of Omega Chapter, reported that his chapter was "flourishing and great things may be expected from it in the coming year." Thirty new members were initiated into the fraternity during the year. A new pledge system has been inaugurated during the year which has proved very successful. At the business meeting on May 17, M. Barry Levy was elected as the new Prytanis for this year.

Joel T. Hurley, retiring Prytanis, and William Miranda are to attend graduate schools in Philadelphia and New England. Since they were unable to attend the convention last year, they are planning to attend as alumni members this year.

BETA ZETA, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

With the initiation of sixteen new members on February 19, Beta Zeta Chapter had an active membership of thirty. During the year, the members enjoyed a series of illustrated lectures by members of the faculty on "Roman Culture in the Provinces," "Latin Work in the Renaissance Field," "Naples and Capri," and "The Dead Sea Scrolls: A Critical Evaluation." The social events for the chapter were a Christmas party and a picnic in May,

at which the new officers for the coming year were elected. Julie Ranciglio is the new Prytanis of Beta Zeta Chapter.

Although he was not authorized to do so, the editor is taking the liberty of quoting a personal note from the report of Barbara A. Doering, the retiring secretary. She says: "I want to say that it has been my distinct pleasure to be a member of Eta Sigma Phi for the past four years, three as an undergraduate and one as a graduate student. I hope that all of our members everywhere have and will derive as much pleasure and benefit from Eta Sigma Phi as I have." We hope that all members of Eta Sigma Phi share her appreciation of the fraternity.

BETA THETA, HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

Raymond Houck, the new secretary of Beta Theta Chapter, reports that "Beta Theta Chapter rounded out a lively year for the 1955-56 session with the initiation of three neophytes." An informal initiation was held in the morning prior to the formal initiation. At this informal initiation, the neophytes in togae declaimed Vergil and Homer from scrolls at periodic intervals "to the wonderment and amusement, if not the edification, of the student body." William L. Odom has been elected the new Prytanis of the chapter for this year.

Beta Theta Chapter sponsored British films on the campus last year as a public function. Most of the meetings were concerned with private researches into classical lore and a "memorable report" was given by W. Spencer Hamrick on "Birth Control Among the Spartans."

The editor extends his congratulations to Raymond Houck for his prize-winning essay in the Eleventh Annual Eta Sigma Phi Essay Contest, which was an unexpected triumph, according to the winner himself. This essay will be published in the January issue of *THE NUNTIUS*.

BETA KAPPA, COLLEGE OF NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND

Beta Kappa Chapter held its final meeting of last year on May 9, when Mary Carol Leonard was elected Prytanis for the coming year and Electra Pistolas Secretary-Treasurer. At this meeting the members enjoyed a buffet supper and social hour before the business meeting. An added feature of the evening was a faculty-student volley ball game. Although it is small, the chapter is already planning to send delegates to the next National Convention.

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ABOVE is an aerial view of Howard College.

GAMMA XI Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed at Howard University on May 9, 1956, the first of the three new chapters authorized by the Twenty-eighth National Convention to receive its charter. Seventeen active members, whose names are listed on page 4, and four honorary members were initiated at this time. Mr. Thomas E. Ambrogio, Adviser, and seven members of Beta Tau Chapter were in charge of the installation, which was held in the Browsing Room of Founders Library. Dr. William Stuart Nelson, Dean of the University, and Dr. Carroll L. Miller, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, were present at the presentation of the charter and Dean Nelson gave a brief address. Prior to the installation service the members of Beta Tau Chapter were guests at a dinner in Baldwin Hall. In the future the two chapters plan to hold frequent joint meetings.

Professor Frank M. Snowden, Jr., Head of the Department of Classics, and Professor Annette H. Eaton, Mrs. Sylvia W. Gerber, and Mr. Philip F. Wooby, all members of the Department of Classics, were initiated as honorary members. Professor Eaton served as Acting Head of the Department last year and handled the organization of the new chapter, Professor Virginia W. Callahan, also of the Department and Acting Director of the Humanities Division, who as an undergraduate became a member of Eta Sigma Phi, was in charge of the installation ceremony, and Mrs. Gerber is the faculty adviser of Gamma Xi.

Howard University, located in the northwest section of Washington, D. C., and named in honor of General Oliver Otis Howard, who had been active in its organization and served as its third president, was chartered by the Thirty-ninth Congress of the United States and approved by President Andrew Johnson on March 2, 1867. Today it is the "only university of any description receiving direct, annual aid from the Federal Government." Its greatest growth and development has come since the election of Dr. M. W. Johnson as president in 1926. The University, "the largest institution of higher education for Negroes in the United States and the only comprehensive University system designed primarily for them," includes a College of Liberal Arts, a Graduate School offering both M. A. and Ph. D. degrees, and eight professional schools, all accredited, with a total enrollment of approximately 5,000 students and 550 faculty members, the majority of whom are Negroes. "In recent years it has stood among the first four universities in America in the percentage of foreign students enrolled." "It has always been open to all races and both sexes" and "has gradually become a community of students and teachers which effectively crosses every traditional barrier of race and color, creed, sex and national origin." (Quotations are from *Howard University Bulletin*, Vol. XXXII, No. 16).

It gives the National Office great pleasure to welcome Gamma Xi Chapter as the fifty-sixth active chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and to wish it continuous success.

GAMMA OMICRON Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed at Monmouth College on Saturday afternoon, May 19, at 2:30 P.M. in the Fine Arts Building of the College. Eighteen active and four honorary members were initiated as charter members. Miss Catherine Nutting of Epsilon Chapter was the installing officer. She was assisted by a group of six members from her chapter, including Professor O. E. Nybakken, Adviser of the chapter.

Following the installation ceremony, the new chapter was host at a tea in honor of the members from Epsilon Chapter. Dr. Robert W. Gibson, President of the College, and his wife were present at the tea. The colors of the fraternity were carried out in the grape punch and gold cakes with $H \Sigma \Phi$ in purple. The group from Epsilon was also guests of the new chapter for lunch and served as judges for a contest of posters prepared by the students in elementary Latin.

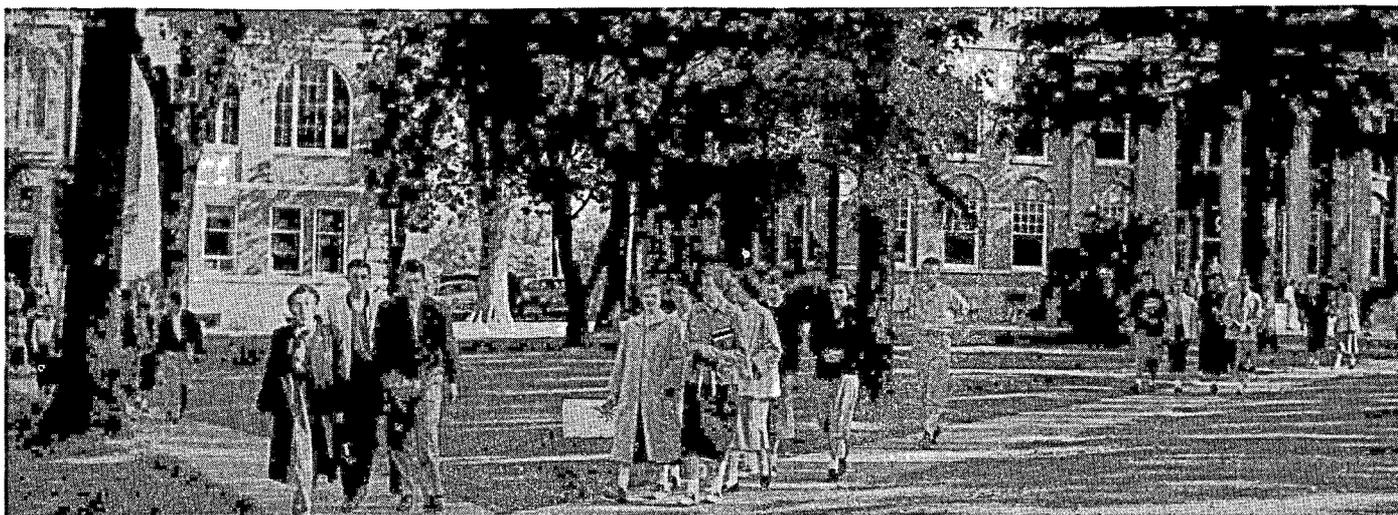
Professor Bernice Fox of the Department of Classics at Monmouth organized the new chapter and made the preparations for its installation. She was initiated as an honorary member and will serve as Adviser of Gamma Omicron. Also initiated as honorary members were Professor Harold Ralston, Head of the Department of Classics, Professor Garrett Thiessen, Head of the Department of Chemistry and an enthusiastic scholar of the Classics and a most valuable member of the new chapter, and Mrs. Charles Blair, a former teacher of Latin who maintains her interest and encourages the study of Latin at Monmouth by awarding a \$100.00 scholarship to a student of Latin each year. The names of the members are listed on page 4.

Monmouth College, an accredited Liberal Arts College which grants the degree of Bachelor of Arts, is located in the residential section of Monmouth, Illinois, from which it receives its name. Lying in the heart of the rich corn belt of the Midwest two hundred miles south and west of Chicago, the city has a population of over 10,000 people. The College, founded on April 12, 1853, is now governed by a Senate elected from certain official bodies of the United Presbyterian Church of North American and from the Alumni Association. Today its student body numbers about eight hundred. Fraternal organizations have been a part of the College from its earliest days, particularly social groups. Pi Beta Phi was founded here as the first sorority in the United States in 1867. Three years later Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded here also.

Professor Nybakken praised the enthusiasm of the faculty members and students of the Department of Classics of Monmouth College very highly. The National Office is pleased to welcome Gamma Omicron as the fifty-seventh active chapter of the fraternity and hopes for its future success and growth.

The Editor knows that he speaks for all members of Eta Sigma Phi when he extends his congratulations to the members of Gamma Xi and Gamma Omicron Chapters. We are all looking forward to a pleasant association with the present and future members of these new chapters. May the spirit and ideals of Eta Sigma Phi pervade these chapters and bind them together with all other chapters.

BELOW is a view of Monmouth College. Students are shown coming from the library and Wallace Hall.



AMONG THE CHAPTERS

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BETA LAMBDA, MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

May 22 was the date of Beta Lambda's Roman Banquet. All members were toga-clad except the last initiates, who served the banquet as slaves, dressed in tunics. The announcements, menu, conversation, and other spoken parts of the banquet were in Latin, but Sister Marie Antoinette, adviser of the chapter, says that she is not vouching for the quality of the Latin. She reports, however, that "all enjoyed the banquet and pledged renewed efforts to serve the Classics in the fall term."

BETA OMICRON, MOUNT MARY COLLEGE

During the summer, the National Office received a card from Sister Mary Dorothea, adviser of Beta Omicron Chapter, which she mailed from Venice. She said that her group had fallen in love with all Italy and that "Rome shall ever remain a holy memory."

Marianne Jansen, our National Secretary, is a member of the group which toured Europe.

GAMMA ZETA, ALBION COLLEGE

Sue Appleby, secretary of Gamma Zeta Chapter, wrote an interesting letter to the National Office during the past summer. She says that her chapter is rather small and so its functions are limited. Her letter indicates that the group is enthusiastic and interested in the work of Eta Sigma Phi, and the chapter is looking forward to a more active year this year. All readers will wish them success for the new year.

GAMMA IOTA, WABASH COLLEGE

Three new members were initiated into Gamma Iota Chapter on May 20 with the president, Jack Stodghill, in charge. Following the initiation there was a dinner at the new Campus Center of Wabash College. Professor and Mrs. Verne Schuman of Indiana University were guests of the chapter. Professor Schuman, who is adviser of Theta Chapter, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Oath of an Egyptian Priest: An Illustration of Papyrological Technique." Professor Theodore Bedrick is the adviser of Gamma Iota Chapter.

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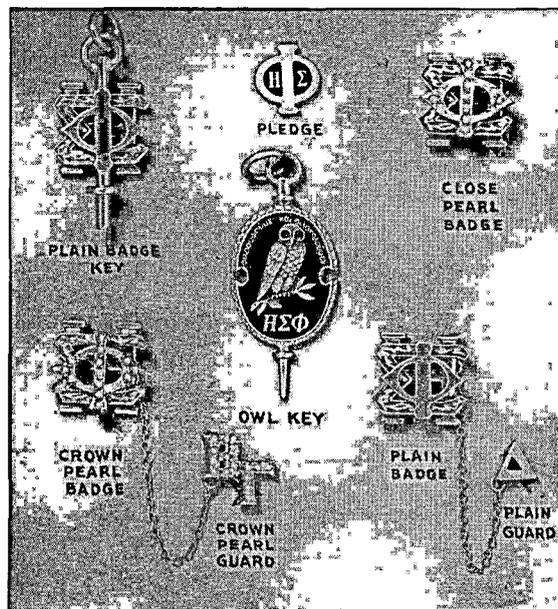
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