For six weeks during the summer of 1987 I was immersed in one of the best, most privileged courses for which an American student of Classics could strive, the summer session of the American Academy in Rome. This unforgettable summer was made possible when early in 1987 I was awarded the Eta Sigma Phi scholarship for the Academy's summer session. It was a summer of metamorphosis, of personal transformation for me: all the authors and events, cities, buildings and monuments, temples and gods which I had read about for years in school were resuscitated from their textbook hibernation, thus bringing my appreciation and knowledge of the classical world full circle.

The vast and varied itinerary prepared by the summer program director, Gerhard Koeppel, and by his assistant, Chris Parslow, made this direct, firsthand experience possible. Thanks to the wide range of sites visited and topics discussed, I gained fresh insights into all aspects of Roman life and civilization: I became privy to the victory of Constantine as I stood on the Milvian bridge; I observed the privileged day-to-day life of the imperial families when I was admitted into the royal palaces of the Palatine and Hadrian's Villa at Tivoli; I wondered at the excess and perversion of luxury in Nero's Domus Aurea; I admired the simplicity of life in a colony such as Alba Fucens; I became friends with Horace at his "Sabine Villa" at Licenza and with Cicero while roaming through the ruins of Tusculum.

For six weeks the religion of the ancient Romans became my own personal religion: standing on the Capitoline I was able to imagine the grandeur of the temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus [of which few remains stand] and all the pomp and ceremony surrounding it. I felt the cosmopolitan arrogance of the temple of Mars Ultor in the Forum of Augustus, the dignity and pride in divine lineage of the temple of Venus Genetrix in Caesar's Forum, the brute power of the temple of Jupiter Anxur, perched for all time on the cliff of Terracina overlooking endless sea and sky, and finally the ironic solidity of the Pantheon, dedicated to the entire assembly of Rome's long abandoned gods and goddesses.

Voices from the past echoed in my ears on many occasions—quite literally: several students recited Latin texts at various sites to bring home to us time travelers the full worth of the monuments and historical events being studied. Thus, at the Bandusian Spring, we hear original Horace; before the Temple of Caesar in the Roman Forum, an excerpt from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar was recited; and near the Arch of Titus, we heard Livy's version of war between Romulus's men and the Sabines and the vow which led to the building of the Temple of Jupiter Stator. Other voices, perhaps not so well known to students of Latin and Greek students, also called out to us: the Etruscans of Veii, Tarquinia, and Cerveteri became new and good acquaintances.
In Cerveteri I wandered through one of the most unearthly cemeteries that have ever existed on Earth. There I entered tombs which are off-limits to the average tourists, the most fascinating of which was the Tomb of the Reliefs, which displays in warm detail the contents of a home, laid out in bas-relief for the permanent residents of the Underworld. At Tarquinia we descended what seemed to be plain shacks scattered about in the rolling fields only to discover brilliantly frescoed walls at the depths of the tombs. Every time I emerged from the cool, damp air of an Etruscan tomb into the dazzling light of the sun above ground, I couldn’t help thinking that through our visit with the Academy, a part of that intriguing Etruscan culture was alive and well in our hearts and souls. Furthermore, through carefully coordinated visits to the Etruscan Museum at Tarquinia and the Villa Giulia Museum in Rome, I was able to grasp even finer details about Etruscan life in general.

The whole program was laid out with utmost care and a chronological order was followed in visiting the sites from the early beginnings of Rome on the Palatine to the dawning of the Christian Era. A useful and much appreciated hand-out was distributed to all at the first session. It contained a potpourri of architectural terms, building materials, and techniques for those of us who might have felt lost bumping around ruins of cities and temples. This and all the other many hand-outs helped to keep our studies interesting and focused. To highlight the summer further, we heard from eminent guest lecturers who spoke on many topics. Some of these include Norma Goldman who spoke on the Colosseum, Darby Scott on the Forum, Lawrence Richardson on the Palatine, and Stephen Daltz on the pronunciation of Latin.

Then there were thrills for the thrill seekers: climbing Mt. Soracte after a picnic lunch—an exhausting but one of the most breathtaking views of the trip (of course, we heard some Horace while resting on the wind-tossed peak); standing face to face with an emperor in the person of Augustus of Prima Porta in the Vatican Museum; descending into the flooded basement of a Roman palazzo to see the few remains of the grid for the Obelisk of Augustus. Then there were the very much needed “beach stops.” These were small breaks of two or three hours taken out of the formal visits to sites when it was hard to resist the call of the Mediterranean coastline. Our thrills also took us into the recesses of time, into the domain of Vergil. As a symbolic beginning to our summer, we returned in time to the beginnings of Rome at Lavinium and the Alban Hills. There we experienced the simplicity of the humble Heroon of Aeneas, lost in a vast field, and a view over the Alban Hills of Ascanius.

On one of our later visits of the program, we went to the Museo della Civitá Romana where the massive plastic reconstruction of Rome at the time of Constantine is on display. What a joy and feeling of accomplishment I felt that day as I realized I was able to locate the monuments, ancient and modern of the city in the reconstruction: the Via Flaminia become Via del Corso, the seven hills, the baths from Agrippa to Trajan, the Mausoleum of Augustus, and countless other sites we had visited in the weeks before with the Academy. This well-placed visit to the reconstruction brought home to us all the new knowledge and familiarity we had gained of the city of Rome. Rome is now a part of me which I will carry into my classrooms and into my appreciation of life itself. Rome has taught me how fragile and yet stable, simple and grand, degenerate and holy, ugly and beautiful, and above all, how thrilling life can be. At the time of the writing of this article in October of 1987, I am still in Rome. Thanks to my experiences at the American Academy and to the generous and never-to-be-forgotten scholarship given to me by Eta Sigma Phi, I am a self-appointed citizen of Rome and my life will never be quite the same again.
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1987-1988

Eta Chapter
Florida State University

During the past year, our chapter has sponsored several presentations and fundraisers. In April, at our final meeting of the year, Steve Law discussed with our members his travels in Greece and in Asia Minor. This last February, our chapter co-sponsored a paper by W. W. deGrummond entitled, "Odysseus's Search for His Identity." In March, we initiated five new members into our chapter, and our final activity of the year was a doughnut sale in mid-March to raise money to meet expenses for travel to the sixtieth annual convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

Sigma Chapter
Miami University

This year began with an intensive project to recruit new members for our chapter. We were successful because we more than doubled the size of our group. This drive will be profitable in years to come because more people are now aware of us and know the requirements for membership. We hope that this new awareness of our requirements will inspire students to work toward invitation to membership. We encourage close faculty-student communication, and so several dinner parties are planned throughout the year. In December we had a wonderful Roman banquet at our chairperson's home. All seemed to benefit from the occasion.

Later this semester, we shall be preparing a bulletin board containing pictures and facts about our faculty. The students passing through our halls may also familiarize themselves with the department. Our work project this year will be to organize and to catalogue our Department's own library.

The biggest and most exciting project is to give a gift to the Department. We have raised money from all the Miami University alumni of the Classics Department to purchase a bust of Pallas Athena to be dedicated to all the faculty and students of Classics at Miami. A formal dedication ceremony and reception are planned for April. The president and other administrators along with members of our faculty and contributors will be attending. This event will be an exciting moment for all and will leave a lasting reminder of Eta Sigma Phi at Miami.

Judy Blackmore, President
Keri Bright, Treasurer

Alpha Nu Chapter
Davidson College

The Alpha Nu chapter, on the seventeenth of February, 1988, was the host for a public lecture given on our campus by Paul A. Cantor of the University of Virginia. Professor Cantor is a Visiting Distinguished Professor of Humanities at Davidson College this year. Dr. Cantor spoke on the topic, "Shakespeare and the Classical Tradition," arguing that Shakespeare had more knowledge of Classical Rome than that with which many modern scholars credit him. The lecture was attended by members of the Departments of Classical Studies, History, and English as well as by members of Alpha Nu chapter.

On May 11, with the Davidson College Anthropology Club, we shall be co-hosts for a public lecture given at the College by Professor Michael K. Toumazou of our Department of Classics. He will speak on the Bronze Age Greek citadel at Gla and recount much of his own research there. Faculty members of the departments of Classical Studies, History, and Anthropology and members of both the Anthropology Club and Alpha Nu Chapter will attend. After the lecture, we plan to induct four new members. Professor Toumazou and Visiting Professor Cantor will be named as honorary members.

We shall have our election of officers for the 1988-89 school year in September.

Aaron Levine,
Epistolographos

Alpha Upsilon Chapter
The College of Wooster

Members of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter had a busy and stimulating year. In September, Dr. Niall Slater, a Wooster alumnus now teaching at the University of Southern California, visited and discussed his research
on Greek and Roman Comedy with members of the group. The next month, students who participated in the Wooster-in-Greece program that summer presented a slide show and discussion of their travels and studies in Greece. Also in October, several students travelled with our Department's faculty to the Corning Museum of Glass in New York to see the exhibit, "Glass of the Caesars," which included many rare pieces of Roman glassware.

Just before Christmas break in December, the group convened to listen to Visiting Professor Paul Rehak's slide show and discussion of Imperial Roman Art. When the chapter reconvened in January, Dr. Eugene O'Connor discussed his research on the Carmina Priapea on which he wrote his dissertation. This April, our senior Classics majors, Dave Sick and Dan Sponseller, discussed their Senior Independent Study Theses, "The Morality of Power in Thucydides," and "An Examination of Twelve Roman Temples at Pompeii." At our last meeting and annual picnic, at the end of April, we initiated several new members and said farewell to our graduating seniors.

Omicron Chapter
The University of Pennsylvania

The last few years of existence for our chapter were pretty lean. Plagued previously by the small number of majors in our Department of Classics and by all-round apathy, we were able to accomplish little. This year, however, things are looking up. Enrollments in the Department have increased, giving us a wider membership base [active membership now stands at twenty] and new officers have been elected, drawn from members who had grown up with the chapter during its darker periods and who are now, accordingly, striving to revitalize it. Their efforts are beginning to pay off. Already this year we have started a tutoring program in our department, established a Latin and Greek poetry translation contest, and begun to approach faculty members to speak at future meetings. We have produced a pamphlet about our chapter in order to attract new members, and we have returned a sense of dignity to our initiation ceremony. We are also planning an end-of-the-year social event. But, perhaps our most exciting project has been the transcription and editing of certain Homeric papyrus fragments in the University Museum's papyrus collection. We hope to have this work published in the Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists by the end of the academic year.

Things are improving, and we hope to return to next year's convention as an established entity, with a host of interesting programs and activities.

T. M. Hickey, President
David K. Louder, Vice-President

Beta Omega Chapter
Ball State University

During the 1987-88 academic year, the members of our chapter began efforts to revitalize the society by holding an initiation for three new members. These members are senior Mary Church, junior Eric Dalton, and senior Lisa Maugans. The evening initiation was conducted by Professors Billie Anderson, Martha Payne, and Cynthia Wohlers, faculty members of our program in Classics, and was followed by elections and a dinner. Due to illness, Dr. Wanda Finney was unable to attend, but she has since mobilized the chapter and has made it possible for us to attend this year's Convention. We hope to take back some ideas from other chapters, ideas which will aid in our efforts to grow. This spring, we are planning another initiation as we look forward to the coming year.

Gamma Alpha Chapter
Indiana State University

Last year, we were pleased to be the hosts for the fifty-ninth annual convention, and since then we have been involved in several activities after regrouping from a loss of active members who have been graduated. In the fall of 1987, we held a certamen for Foreign Language Day when high school foreign language students from across Indiana converged at the University for a day of fun and education. In December, our chapter held its annual Eta Sigma Phi Christmas dinner at the home of our sponsor, Dr. James O. Loyd. Then, just last week, three members of our chapter traveled to DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, for an excellent lecture on the rebuilding and rowing of the Greek trireme.

Throughout the year, our chapter has been intently involved with increasing relations between Indiana high schools and our University. We have attempted to introduce high school students to the study of Classics, the
scholarships available at Indiana State, and of course the opportunities available through Eta Sigma Phi.

Finally, our chapter is planning for a speaker this spring to come to our university. Then, we intend to invite Indiana high school students and teachers to our campus to learn more about the ancient world and the opportunities available to those who study classical culture.

Tim Grindle
Vice-President

Beta Iota Chapter
Wake Forest University

On April 21, 1987, to celebrate the birthday of Rome, we inducted nineteen new members into the society and installed the new officers. A reception followed where everyone enjoyed refreshments and welcomed the new members.

In September we held a social to develop new ideas. Everyone agreed that the Wake Forest chapter was ready to take a more noticeable role in the community. We planned a Ludi Plebei day for the entire university and local high schools in hopes to increase and to stimulate interest in the Latin and Greek cultures. Unfortunately, our funds would not permit the festival, but we did not lose heart. We petitioned the Student Government and received a four hundred dollar grant in February.

We are presently planning a Classical Workshop for the university and local high schools to celebrate Rome’s birthday. We will also be inducting new members at this time. We are especially excited about the extravaganza we have planned for the Fall of 1988—a Mythology Ball. In addition to these activities, the Beta Iota Chapter sponsors social events for our members throughout the year. Typically we serve refreshments and have a presentation, such as the one Dr. Robert Ulery recently gave on his tour of Roman remains in Yugoslavia and on the history of Roman occupation and influence in this area. We also encourage members to attend public lectures sponsored by the Classical Department or by other departments at Wake Forest. On February 16, 1988, we heard Dr. James Powell lecture on “Homer: Question and Diction,” and on February 23, the lecture by Dr. Dianne Juffraf on “Political Thought in Sophocles’s Antigone.” On March 28 we plan to attend Allan Mandelbaum’s reading of selections from his translation of the Aeneid.

The Beta Iota Chapter is delighted to have a delegate to represent us at the National Convention in Baltimore this year.

Delphine L. Davison
President

Beta Kappa Chapter
College of Notre Dame of Maryland

The members of the Beta Kappa Chapter have been involved in a number of projects this year. The highlight of our year has been preparing for the sixtieth annual National Convention. Although the Convention preparations have been time-consuming, we have made time for other events. On September 17, we inducted two new members. During the fall, we also held a fundraiser that consisted of selling Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups to enable us to meet some of our projected expenses for the Convention.

On November 1, we held our nineteenth annual Latin Day, a program for students from several high schools in the Baltimore-Washington area. Guest speakers included Gladys Callahan who gave an illustrated lecture on the monuments of Rome, Robert Rivkin who spoke on the evolution of Latin from Indo-European to the Romance languages, and Mary Norton, the immediate past adviser of Epsilon Beta Chapter of George Washington University, who gave a slide lecture entitled, “Aeneas: From Troy to Italy.”

During the spring semester, we inducted nine new members. Four of our members presided at the induction ceremony for the Beta Chi Chapter of Loyola College in Baltimore. Some of our members also attended a lecture by Elinor and Wilson Myers on,“Balloon Photography over Crete and Greece.”

In order to promote Classical studies, Notre Dame College will host Orbis Romanus, a four-week summer Latin institute in July with courses in Latin literature and Roman culture. We are offering a scholarship to one current member of Eta Sigma Phi for this Latin institute. Our chapter adviser will be leading a study tour of Greece early in the summer.

Members of our chapter assisted at two high school Latin competitions this year and will participate in a third in April. Beta Kappa also sponsored the production of a musical satire, O My Goddess! in March. In May
we shall have our end-of-the-year dinner and election of officers of the 1988-89 academic year.

Ann Marie Eckard
Prytanis

Beta Theta Chapter
Hampden-Sydney College

We sponsored, during this last year, two lectures and held two initiations. Last autumn, Professor William S. Cobb of the Department of Philosophy of the College of William and Mary lectured on Plato's Symposium. Following the lecture, a dinner was held in Professor Cobb's honor. In addition to this lecture, a joint initiation was held between our chapter and the Delta Alpha Chapter of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, a chapter installed by our Beta Theta Chapter in 1961. Two Hampden-Sydney students, five Randolph-Macon students, and three Prince Edward County High School students (enrolled in second year Latin at Hampden-Sydney College) were initiated.

Again this year, a joint initiation with the Randolph-Macon chapter was held. Eleven Hampden-Sydney students, three Randolph-Macon students, and three Prince Edward County High School students were initiated along with one visiting professor as an honorary member. A lecture, sponsored by our chapter, was given by Professor John H. Oakley, member of the Department of Classical Studies of the College of William and Mary. His topic was, "Free Lunch, Democratic Reforms, and Earthquakes in Classical Athens." A dinner followed.

As a final note, Graves H. Thompson, our adviser since the Beta Theta Chapter was established by William and Mary's Chapter in 1942, is retiring from his role as our adviser after forty-six wonderful years. In his honor the Beta Theta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi will make a contribution to the Fraternity's Scholarship Fund. Next year, Professor C. Wayne Tucker will be our chapter's adviser.

Gamma Iota Chapter
Wabash College

We ended the school year of 1987 with the initiation of four new members. Our membership stood at eleven active members and with faculty sponsors.

Autumn and the new school year found us at Professors Joe and Leslie Day's home where we enjoyed a tantalizing lasagna dinner and a delightful reading of Plautus's Miles Gloriosus. In November, at the invitation of Wabash College and Gamma Iota Chapter, Professor Wendell Clausen of Harvard University delivered a brilliant lecture entitled "Virgil's Messianic Eclogue."

Shortly after the beginning of the new school year Professor Joseph Day of Wabash College delivered the LaFollette Lecture on "The Discovery of Archaic Greece: An Archaeology of Poetry and Art." A second poetry reading or play reading is currently in the planning stages, and we intend to initiate from three to five new members sometime in April.

Upon finding that not all of our alumni had their certificates of membership, officers John Radez and Steve Prince diligently worked to secure addresses and to mail the certificates to their rightful owners.

Steve Prince
Treasurer
Epsilon Beta Chapter  
George Washington University

We included eleven new members and so brought our active membership to approximately thirty. In addition, we shall be initiating seven new members a little later this spring.

We also participated in the first annual George Washington University International Week Festivities by sponsoring a lecture and seminar to encourage students and to provide them with information concerning summer study programs in both Greece and Italy. We were involved in a variety of campus activities designed to inform new students of all of the organizations and activities within the GWU campus. The aim of Epsilon Beta Chapter is to promote the study of the Classics. Although there is no accurate gauge for measuring our success, the number of inductees into our local chapter has increased from the previous year.

Next fall, we shall experience a complete turnover of our elected officers.

Peter A. Reddington  
President

Epsilon Epsilon Chapter  
Rockford College

We were again involved with attending Rockford Society AIA lectures: “Homer, Troy, and the Wrath of Achilles,” by Professor Dimitri Liakos, Northern Illinois University, September 17, 1987; “The Art and Architecture of Ancient Sardis,” by Professor Nancy Ramage, Ithaca College, October 9, 1987; “Egypt: Twilight of the Monuments,” by engineer J.P. Lockwood of Freeport, February 16, 1988; and “Man and the Sea in Prehistoric Greece,” by Professor Thomas Jacobsen, Indiana University, on March 3, 1988. Members also participated in the fiftieth Anniversary Meeting of the Illinois Classical Conference, held in Rockford from October 9-11, 1987. The sponsor of the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, Professor Raymond L. Den Adel, was honored with the first “Outstanding College Latin Teacher in Illinois,” award at the banquet.

On the birthday of Rome, April 21, two new members will be initiated in a candlelight ceremony. These students will receive their membership certificates a week later at the annual Rockford College Honors Day Convocation. Some special events are being planned to commemorate our fifteenth anniversary year in 1988-1989.

Kelly Hildebrand  
Grammateus

Gamma Xi Chapter  
Howard University

The members of Gamma Xi enjoyed a year of interesting programs. Faculty in the Department of Classics demonstrated their usual cooperative attitude, both attending and participating in all activities. Dr. Rudolph Hock and Dr. Carrie Cowherd were co-sponsors for 1987-1988.

In September, Dr. Dale Sinos discussed “The Homeric Hero,” distinguishing the typical and the exceptional. In October, the chapter sponsored its annual showing of The Gospel at Colonus, based on the Oedipus at Colonus. In December, Dr. Hugh Lee presented an illustrated lecture on “Ancient Greek Athletics,” using scenes on pottery to point out various aspects of equipment, training, and competition. In March, Dr. Alice Riginos and Dr. David Thompson gave a guided tour of the exhibition at the National Gallery of Art, “The Human Figure in Early Greek Art.” They traced the development of the forms of the kouroi and korai, indicating the improvements in the skills of the artists in their representation of body parts and of movement. The last activity of the year will be the annual initiation and party in early May at the house of Dr. Cowherd.

Officers for this 1987-1988 academic year have been Rodney Hamm as Prytanis, Raymond Codrington as Hyparchos, Teha Fogle as Grammateus, and Michael Elazier as Chrysophylax.

Carrie Cowherd  
Adviser

Contributions to the Endowment Fund, 1987

Chapters and members contributed a total of $1,605.00 to the Endowment Fund in 1987. Eta Sigma Phi is grateful to all of those members whose contributions help to sustain our scholarship program. Life memberships (which include a lifetime subscription to the Nuntius) are available for a $50.00 contribution to the Endowment Fund. Contributions came this year from the following chapters and members:

- Beta Kappa Chapter, The College of Notre Dame of Maryland
- Beta Upsilon Chapter, Marshall University
- Epsilon Omicron Chapter, The University of Massachusetts
- Professor Grace L. Beebe, Beta Alpha Chapter, The University of South Dakota
- Lynn Dunnagan, Gamma Alpha Chapter, Indiana State University
- Professor Brent M. Froberg, Beta Alpha Chapter, The University of South Dakota
- Ruth Froberg, Theta Chapter, Indiana University
- Professor Louise F. Hoy, Beta Upsilon Chapter, Marshall University
- Professor Ruth Longacre, Gamma Theta Chapter, Georgetown College
- During 1987, Lynn Dunnagan became the twenty-second life member of Eta Sigma Phi.
Medal Fund, Annual Report, 1987

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1987 $  25.59

Receipts

Sale of large silver (6) @ $24.75 148.50
Sale of small silver (39) @ $7.50 292.50
Sale of small bronze (35) @ $4.00 140.00
Postage and handling 6.00
Interest 11.05
Total receipts $  598.05

Disbursements:

Purchase of CD #1825974 611.00
Total disbursements 611.00

Cash:

Cash on hand, December 31, 1987 12.64
Value of CD #1825974 611.00
Total cash $  623.64

Inventory:

94 large silver medals @ $24.75 $2,326.50
90 small silver medals @ $7.50 675.00
77 small bronze medals @ $4.00 308.00
Total value (money and medals): $ 3,309.50

1988 Scholarship and Contest Winners

Thirty-Ninth Annual Greek Translation Contest:
A. Advanced Level
1. Susan Byerly, Psi, Vanderbilt University
2. Frank Stratikis, Beta Delta, The University of Tennessee

B. Intermediate Level
1. C.S. Plant, Epsilon Psi, Santa Clara University
2. Beth Danielle Ecker, Delta Chi, St. Olaf College
3. Peter Budka, Epsilon Mu, Fordham University
Honorable Mention: Jon Steffen Bruss, Delta Chi, St. Olaf College
Victoria Emma Pagan, Epsilon Eta, Kent State University

C. Intermediate Level, Koine
1. Jon Steffen Bruss, Delta Chi, St. Olaf College
2. Paul Offhaus, Delta Chi, St. Olaf College
3. Beth Danielle Ecker, Delta Chi, St. Olaf College

Thirty-Eighth Annual Latin Translation Contest
A. Advanced Level
1. Frank Stratikis, Beta Delta, University of Tennessee
2. Werner Bomm, Epsilon Pi, Concordia College
3. Yvonne Schewel, Delta Alpha, Randolph-Macon Woman’s College
Honorable Mention: John P. Falcone, Epsilon Mu, Fordham University

B. Intermediate Level
1. Jonathan Balsam, Gamma Delta, Yeshiva University
2. Brent Thomas, Psi, Vanderbilt University
3. (tie) Christina Bertram, Gamma Mu, Westminster College
 Thomas Grant Haskins, III, Psi, Vanderbilt University

Twenty-Second Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest
1. James N. Long, Psi, Vanderbilt University
2. Edward Long, Psi, Vanderbilt University
3. Brent Thomas, Psi, Vanderbilt University

SCHOLARSHIPS:
For the Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Bryan J. Lipp, Beta Alpha, The University of South Dakota.
For the Summer Session of the American Academy in Rome, Eileen M. Torrence, Gamma Alpha, Indiana State University