Rome, 1981
by Erin Hertzberger

As the fortunate recipient of the Eta Sigma Phi scholarship to the American Academy in Rome, I spent six wonderful weeks this past summer exploring both the ancient and contemporary aspects of the Eternal City. Under the direction of Professor Katherine Geffcken, our group visited nearly every site of archaeological significance both in and around Rome. On our own, many of us chose to live by the adage that begins, “When in Rome...,” by frequenting some of the popular haunts, such as the various gelaterie (ice cream shops) and piazzas. Of the latter, one of the most popular and most intriguing is the Piazza Navona located near the Tiber, across from St. Peter’s.

The Piazza Navona occupies the original site and maintains the shape of the stadium of Domitian (late first century). Even the name itself, “Navona,” derived from “agonia,” harks back to Roman time. In the stadium were held the usual games, sports, and even mock sea battles (which required flooding the stadium). In addition to its ancient origins, the piazza is famous for its sculptural and architectural features (including three magnificent fountains—one by Bernini—and the Baroque church Sant’Agnese in Agone).

The piazza is also a popular gathering spot for young people and tourists. During the day the Piazza Navona is populated by a multitude of vendors, mostly of the “hippie” persuasion (who seem to live in the piazza) selling their hand-made wares and playing and listening to music a good ten years behind the times. At night the piazza becomes even more animated by an influx of tourists out to dine.

On a typical evening two of my companions (who happened to be ex-students of Professor Froberg) and I were taken to Il Ristorante “Tre Scalini” (The Three Steps) by Professor Froberg’s parents. While we enjoyed our dinner, we were entertained by strolling minstrels and a firebreather who somehow managed to maintain a beard. We concluded our dinner with tartufo, a magnificent dessert of rich, chocolate ice cream for which that restaurant in the Piazza Navona is justifiably famous. I recommend it and the Piazza Navona to every visitor to Rome.

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Greece, 1981

by Charlou Koenig

One may read volumes of literature from and about the ancient world and pore over maps, tribute lists, and drawings until ancient civilization becomes second nature; yet, one who completes such a course of training has only laid a foundation and perhaps erected the frame of a structure which still needs to be completed. A visit to the countries of antiquity enables one to complete the structure.

Eta Sigma Phi gave me an opportunity for such a visit this summer. Naturally I took that opportunity and spent six weeks at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Our Summer Session group was composed of twenty students, our director Stephen Glass of Pittz College, and various Greek bus drivers who provided plenty of thrills and chills in the performance of their duty.

Approximately half of our time was spent in Athens and environs: field trips of a week or so occupied the remainder. During those six weeks we visited every major and many of the minor archaeological sites and museums of Greece. The program was directed primarily towards archaeology, but it also included generous portions of instruction in the art, history, and topography of classical Greece as it related to the individual sites. The advantages of such on-site instruction are obvious: it is one thing to discuss the authenticity of the Hermes of Praxiteles in the classroom, but it is quite another to do so where one can inspect the statue: worthwhile to learn about Lathiana from a book, but invaluable to hear Oscar Bornee, its excavator, lecture at the site itself.

Our visit to Olympia provides a good example of the thoroughness with which we covered each site. While there, we heard separate lectures given either by the director or by one of the students, on the temples of Zeus and Hera, the Philadelphia, and the Bouleterion, in addition to lectures on the pediments of the Temple of Zeus and a general tour of the entire site and the museum. Not less important than the planned program at Olympia, as elsewhere, were the informal conversations in which we learned, for example, of a store in Olympia where one could buy Malwitz’s Olympia und seine Bauten, the best guidebook of the site and supposedly long out of print.

There were other advantages we had by virtue of our association with the American School. The privilege of using its fine library was one of these advantages as was the access to places not open to the public, e.g. the interior of the Parthenon or the workshop at Olympia where the west pediment of the Temple of Zeus is being restored.

Eta Sigma Phi provided me these advantages and opportunities which could be obtained in no other way. This addition to my classical education has given me a sense of and an appreciation for the Greek world.

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THE ETA SIGMA PHI
SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1983

The Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity are pleased to announce that two scholarships will be offered in 1983 to enable one member of Eta Sigma Phi to attend the 1983 Summer Session of the American Academy in Rome, Italy, and another to attend the 1983 Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece.

The Scholarship to the American Academy in Rome will have a value of $2,000.00 which includes the tuition fee remitted by the American Academy.

The Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens will have a value of $2,200.00 which includes the tuition fee remitted by the American School.

At either summer session, six semester hours of credit may be earned which is applicable toward an advanced degree in Classics at most graduate schools, provided that advance arrangements have been made.

Selection of candidates for the scholarships is exercised by the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee whose members are Professors Cecelia Luschnig of the University of Idaho, Chairman, Kitty Kelley of Emory University, and Sr. Theresa Lamy of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Enquiries and requests for blanks should be addressed to Professor Cecelia Luschnig, Department of Foreign Languages, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83843.

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The applicant must submit a transcript of his undergraduate work, letters of recommendation, and a statement not to exceed 500 words of his purpose and reasons for desiring the scholarship. Applications must be submitted to Professor Cecelia Luschnig by December 20, 1982. The winner of each scholarship will be announced about January 20, 1983.

For the Scholarship Committee,

Cecelia Luschnig