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Iowa State’s Honoraries Reward You

Robert Stock points the way to recognition along the scholastic line

THIRTEEN honoraries are available to the women of Iowa State College—to the women who have demonstrated interest, ability and ambition and who eventually will succeed in gaining membership into any number of honoraries as an acknowledgment of their services.

Omicron Nu, a home economics national honorary, recognizes and promotes scholarship, leadership and research in the fields of home economics. Its selection of new members takes place in the upper one-fourth of the senior class and the upper one-fifth of the junior class. Activities of the Iowa State Chapter include quarterly business meetings, sponsorship of home economics convocations and the observance of Ellen H. Richards Day which is set aside in commemoration of a woman who was a pioneer in home economics education.

Among the professional societies is listed Chi Delta Phi, a women’s national creative writing sorority. Almost every year some members are honored by winning recognition in the national writing contests sponsored by the national organization. Chi Delta Phi cooperates in publishing Sketch, a college literary magazine published quarterly.

Delta Phi Delta was founded to further art interest among college students. Its members are chosen from the juniors and seniors in home economics who are doing major work in applied art and whose scholarship averages are high. This group makes a study of art prints and sponsors exhibits of them.

Iota Sigma Pi is a science honorary for women in chemistry. Qualification for membership is 30 hours in chemistry with a high scholastic average.

Also a professional honorary, Phi Upsilon Omicron limits its membership to junior and seniors outstanding in leadership, scholarship, character and professional ability in home economics. Each year to honor Ellen H. Richards, the organization invites a prominent home economist to speak during commemoration ceremonies.

Psi Chi is an honorary available to both men and women in psychology who have classified in at least 12 hours of psychology and are scholastically high.

Sigma Alpha Iota is for the music loving women with outstanding musical ability and a sincere interest in promoting the dignity of the musical profession. This is the group that masterfully handles the annual Sor-Dor Sing.

Theta Sigma Phi, a national and professional honorary for women in journalism, has for its objectives improved writing and appreciation of good journalism. Meritorious work on two campus publications plus evidence of professional ability, high scholarship in journalism and other subjects is required for membership in admitting certain junior and senior women. Theta Sigs cooperate with Sigma Delta Chi, journalism honorary for men, in publishing the Green Gander, Iowa State’s magazine of collegiate life. Matrix Table, a formal dinner held in the spring, is sponsored by this group and an outstanding writer is secured as guest speaker.

The highest honor that can come to any Iowa State woman is membership in Mortar Board, a service honorary for outstanding senior women. In a colorful ceremony under the campanile each Veishea, women high in leadership, service to the college and with a superior scholastic rating are welcomed into this national honorary. Mortar Board inaugurates its fall program of activity with an impressive candle lighting induction ceremony of all new women at Iowa State College. The cap and gown service for each quarter’s graduates and the Mother-Son-Daughter luncheon at Veishea time are other projects of Mortar Board, and in cooperation with Cardinal Guild the annual Student Leadership conference is successfully sponsored.

If you have succeeded in qualifying and gaining membership into only one of these honoraries you can be proud of the “honor,” for you have attained that certain something which recognizes meritorious achievement in your field.