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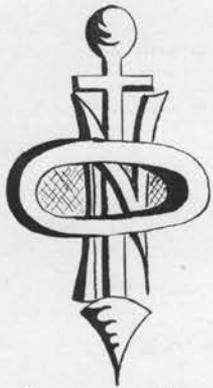


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Omicron Nu

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Phi Upsilon Omicron

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The next time you see a girl wearing ribbons of white and gold or maroon and pink, take a second look because she's a pretty special person.

She is the proud pledge of a home economics honorary at Iowa State. If she wears the ribbons of gold and white, she is about to be initiated into the professional honorary, Phi Upsilon Omicron. Omicron Nu, a scholastic honorary, claims the pledge wearing maroon and pink.

Omicron Nu

Omicron Nu selects girls for scholarship and leadership. A member must be a junior with an all-college grade point average of 3.2 or above or in the top 10 per cent of her class, a senior with a grade point of 3.1 or above or in the top 20 per cent of her class, or a graduate student with a grade point of 3.5 or above. This is a national honorary modeled after Phi Beta Kappa. Gamma Chapter at Iowa State was founded in 1913 by Katherine McKay, first dean of the Home Economics Division.

The active members number approximately 30 and wear their pins each Thursday. Omicron Nu members began selling cherry pies at Veishea open house in the early 1920's. Although the organization no longer sells them, cherry pies have become an annual tradition during Veishea.

Among the goals of the organization are the recognition and promotion of scholarship in home economics, the development of a broader understanding of the role of home economics throughout the world, and the promotion of graduate study and research in home economics.

The annual Home Economics Banquet was held Oct. 8, sponsored by Phi Upsilon Omicron, Omicron Nu and Home Economics Council. Nancy Froeberg, Ed. 4, member of Phi U, served as chairman of the event this year.

Phi U

Neither girl became a pledge overnight. Phi Upsilon Omicron requires its members to be juniors or seniors in the Home Economics Division and inter-

ested in the furtherance of professions in this field. A member of this honorary must participate in activities as well as maintain a high grade average.

Omicron chapter was founded at Iowa State in 1926. The approximately 20 active members meet twice a month; members wear their pins every Wednesday. Selling candy and fruitcakes at Christmas is their big project each year. Funds go to award a \$100 scholarship to an outstanding girl in the Home Economics Division. The latest recipient of this scholarship is Rachel Davis, a sophomore in Dietetics.

Previously Phi Upsilon Omicron selected their pledges during the spring quarter of each year, initiating them to active status in April. The chapter decided to change the procedure this year, and have fall selections. All junior home economics students ranked in the upper 40% of the class scholastically were invited to the junior recognition tea on Sept. 30. Pledging is scheduled to take place on Nov. 11, with formal initiation taking place on Dec. 5.

Omicron chapter at Iowa State will be host to the national convention of the professional honorary next summer. Beginning on June 22 and lasting for three days, Phi U's from all over the country will gather on the Iowa State campus to consider national business and plan for the coming year.

Omicron Chapter officers are Mary Godby, president; Jean McKee, 1st vice-president; Marilyn Schierholz, 2nd vice-president; Ann Walters, recording secretary; Mary Margaret Rupp, corresponding secretary; and Lynne Johnson, treasurer.

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