



## Pi Lambda Phi

*Founded at O.U. in 1922*

Pi Lambda Phi fraternity was founded at Yale University on March 21, 1895, by a group of undergraduate students of various faiths. They desired to create an organization free from prejudice and sectarianism. This concept is best expressed by these words appearing in the Pi Lambda Phi creed, *That no society is endowed with the opportunity and privileges of freedom, that freedom implies tolerance; that tolerance implies the elimination of prejudice; the elimination of prejudice means a better understanding between men.*

Today, the fraternity has over 10,000 men on its rolls. Still maintaining his interest as head of the Pilams is the Honorable Lawrence A. Steinhart, formerly United States Ambassador to Turkey, Sweden, Peru, Russia and now Czechoslovakia. Other members of national note are Louis B. Mayer, M. G. M.; Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, II, of *Oklahoma* and *Carousel* fame; Bennett Cerf, publisher and author; Arthur Garfield Hayes, internationally known lawyer; Arthur

M. Loew, president of Lowe's International, Inc., and Tony Martin, movies and radio star.

Iota chapter was founded at Oklahoma in 1922. Until the outbreak of World War II, 300 men were initiated. Of these, 188 were in service during the war. Major Fred Sklar made the supreme sacrifice as a volunteer on a reconnaissance mission, after twice winning the Silver Star for bravery.

Pi Lambda Phi has always been one of the perennial campus leaders in athletics, scholarships and other extra-curricular activity. Two Pilams have been the recipients of the coveted Letzeiser award. Charles Axelrod was awarded the gold medal in 1946 and Howard Friedman won the silver medal in 1947. Pi Lambda Phi is the only fraternity which has won both the plaque and the certificate for one hundred per cent participation in intramural sports. The chapter also has permanent possession of more scholarship cuts than any other fraternity on the campus.

The fall semester of 1947 found Pi Lambda Phi

making a clean sweep of the scholastic honors when both the house and pledge average topped all others on the campus. Recognition has been received by Pilams in Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Eta Sigma.

Pi Lambda Phi has pioneered in many fields toward the strengthening of the chapter and the national organization. Among these steps were: founders of the tutorial system; annual humanitarian award to the individual who has gained worldwide recognition as an exponent of humanitarianism and brotherhood; permanent endowment fund for creating of under-graduate scholarships; new horizon program, a foundation development of civic consciousness and leadership qualities. New Horizons has been nationally acclaimed for the maturity and progressiveness of its approach.

Iota chapter has also pioneered in the founding of a chapter library which has grown and is now one of the best equipped fraternity libraries on the campus.

program are not encouraging, the improvement in the quality of the faculty during the past year provides a bright note.

An especially impressive array of talent was added to the faculty in September of this year. Included were four new deans, each nationally known in his field and selected with the specific problem of his school or college in mind. Included also was our first full time Director of the University of Oklahoma Research Institute, and a dozen or more professors of extraordinary ability and promise.

Our full time faculty now numbers approximately 600, and we are no longer losing our best men to competing institutions as was the case a few years ago. We suffer an occasional loss, of course, but a far greater number remain with us despite lucrative offers from other colleges and universities.

The state of the University is excellent in most respects. The most serious problem at the moment is the shortage of classroom and laboratory space and buildings of permanent construction. The fact

that we must use temporary facilities on the abandoned naval bases is costing the University in maintenance almost the price of a new building each year.

### Little Jennifer—Some Talker

Jennifer Moore, 4, is a linguist of some note. She is about to add another language to her repertoire—bringing the total to five.

Her fifth language will be added as the result of the transfer of her father, Warren S. Moore, Jr., '40ba, from vice consul at Geneva, Switzerland to Sofia, Bulgaria as second secretary and vice consul.

Recently the Moore's visited Warren's parents in Oklahoma City. Jennifer was a little confused with her languages then. While in Switzerland she spoke English to her parents and French to anyone outside the family. She couldn't quite understand why the Oklahoma grocers and cleaners failed to understand her French.

### Math Department Trusts Grads

The department of mathematics of the University feels that it sends its graduates out well trained. Evidence of this fact is the recent appointment of three graduates to serve on the faculty of the department.

Gene Levy, '37ba, '48ma, is one of the newly appointed faculty members. Levy has been head of the department of mathematics at the College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas, for the past two years. And in 1946 and 1947 he was an instructor in mathematics at the University.

Charles S. Williams, '48bs, '49ma, last year was a graduate assistant in electrical engineering at the University. From 1942 to 1946, Williams was in the army doing work in photo-topography, meteorology and fighter direction.

Harold G. Shaklee, '49ba, has been a graduate assistant in mathematics at the University since graduation. He attended Oklahoma A&M two years and spent two years in the navy.