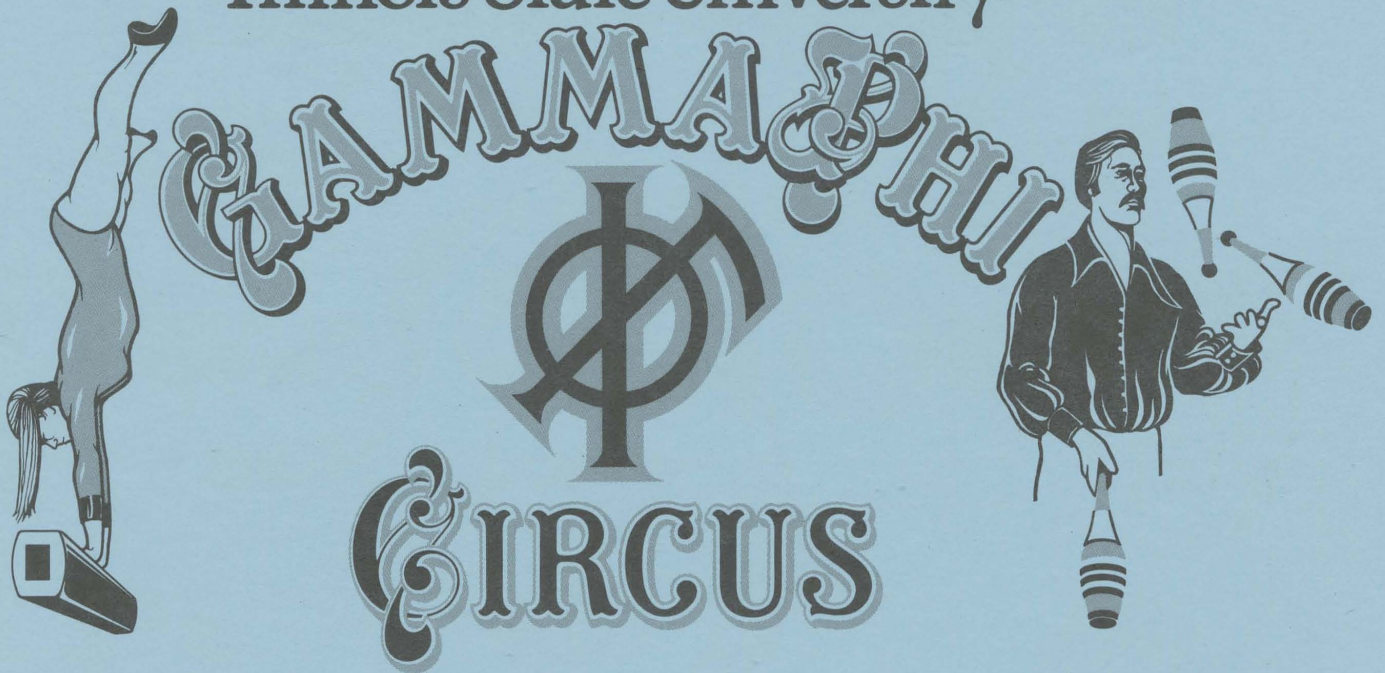


51st Annual

Illinois State University



Welcome to the 51st annual GAMMA PHI CIRCUS. GAMMA PHI is the oldest and largest collegiate circus in the nation. It was founded in 1929 (58 years ago) by Dr. Clifford "Pop" Horton as an honorary gymnastics fraternity. Beginning with 12 men who performed local gymnastics demonstrations, GAMMA PHI has grown to include the 70 young men and women who will be performing for you this evening. There are over 900 alumni of GAMMA PHI who are joined by a common love for the circus. Through the years, GAMMA PHI CIRCUS has meant a great deal to its members. Many have remained active with the organization after graduation by helping with equipment during the on-campus shows, by becoming members of our ISU foundation club called POPS (see details inside this program), and in many other ways. For instance, the cover and center section logo were developed by members Kurt Hendershot and Jay Bensen respectively. The current directors of the

circus Jerry Polacek and Nick Isaacs are also members of GAMMA PHI.

GAMMA PHI is sponsored by the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. During a typical year, GAMMA PHI presents 20-30 assembly programs, workshops, and public relation performances. Many GAMMA PHI members have performed shows in Busch Gardens, Marriott's Great America, Disney World, Circus Hallelujah. This year our members performed on WGN-TV's Bozo's Circus which aired on April 15, 16, 17 & 22. In addition, a road show or two is performed each year. For this type of show, the circus (aerial acts and all) is set up in a sponsoring town. It includes all the circus members plus the ISU Jazz Ensemble which is directed by James Boitos. This year's road shows were in Canton and Arcola, IL.

Now, sit back, relax, and enjoy the 51st edition of Illinois State University's GAMMA PHI CIRCUS!!!!!!!