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Historical Note:

The William and Mary Chapter, Beta Gamma, was installed on April 28, 1922 and was the second women's fraternity to be recognized at the College of William and Mary. The chapter's current website: <http://web.wm.edu/so/kat/?svr=www>.

"In 1837, the Methodist Church established Indiana Asbury (now DePauw University) in Greencastle, Indiana." "Indiana Asbury officially opened its doors to women in 1867, but not without great uproar from the male students. In 1870, Theta became the first women's Greek-letter fraternity because its primary founder, Bettie Locke, wanted full membership in a male fraternity. When the men asked her to wear their fraternity badge as a 'mascot,' she responded, 'If you won't initiate me into your fraternity, I'll start my own.' Thus, Kappa Alpha Theta was established on January 27, 1870." Kappa Alpha Theta web site:

<http://www.kappaalphatheta.org>

Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Beta_Lambda_Chapter.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes items from the founding of sorority Kappa Alpha Theta, Beta Lambda in the 1920s at the College of William and Mary and material from the late 1940s to the present. Founding documents include a petition of the William and Mary chapter of Gamma Omega (a local fraternity) to become a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta and a draft of a letter to Anne L. Miller, President, District VII, Kappa Alpha Theta, concerning the petition. The records from the 1930s to the present include newsletters from the 1940s-1950s, programs and fliers from the 1940s to 2005, meeting minutes and attendance sheets from the 1950s to the 1990s, slides of their various events in the 1980s and 1990s, scrapbooks from the 1930s-1950s & 1980s, photographs, and related material.

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Related Materials:

Additional information can be found in the William and Mary newspaper, The Flat Hat at <http://swem.wm.edu/beta/flathat/beta>; and at the Beta Gamma Chapter website, <http://www.wm.edu/so/kat/>

Keywords

Correspondence

Petitions

Newsletters

Sororities--Social--Gamma Omega

Sororities--Social--Kappa Alpha Theta

Custodial History:

A portion of this collection was previously part of the University Archives Publications Collection.

Arrangement of Materials:

This collection is currently being arranged and described. Consult a staff member for assistance.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Administrative Records

Unit ID id57068

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55754

Unit Date 1921-2005

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Unit ID id16868

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55757

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Letter Concerning Petition to join Kappa Alpha Theta

Unit ID id16869

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55773

Unit Date 1921

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Container 1 (folder)

Petition to Kappa Alpha Theta

Unit ID id16870

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55774

Unit Date 1922

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit ID id16871

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55775

Unit Date 1975, 1990

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Fliers, Programs, Miscellaneous

Unit ID id56707

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55776

Unit Date 1949-2005

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Newsletter, Beta Lambda Gazot

Unit ID id56708

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55777

Unit Date 1948-1952

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Newsletter, Kite Tides

Unit ID id56709

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55778

Unit Date 1956-1958

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Invitation to a reception in honor of the initiates

Unit ID id100962

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55779

Unit Date Febraruy 20, 1938

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

small handwritten invitation card

Series 2: Scrapbooks

Unit ID id57069

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55755

Unit Date 1930s-1980s

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Series 3: Photographs and Slides

Unit ID id57070

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/55756

Unit Date 1978-1997

Composite Photographs

Unit ID id57071

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Unit Date 1978-1979

Composite Photographs

Unit ID id57072

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Unit Date 1980-1981

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