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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Phi Delta Sorority Records contain documents related to the history, activities and alumnae of the Phi Delta Sorority at the University at Albany.

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Biographical Sketch

The sorority known as Phi Delta was officially organized as an on-campus club for women called Alpha Delta Omicron in April of 1923. The club was first recognized by the New York State College for Teachers (now the University at Albany) President, A.R. Brubacher, on November 11, 1924. Phi Delta adopted its present name in 1926 with the hopes of becoming a national women's organization. Those dreams did come true for the members of State College's Alpha chapter in February of 1927 when Phi Delta officially became a national sorority with a total of five chapters nationwide.

Phi Delta was founded as a social sorority for Protestant women. Phi Delta also had the distinction of being the first Protestant national sorority at State College. Exactly how long the sorority had a restrictive membership is unclear. Records show that by the early 1960s membership was open to both African-American and Jewish students.

The local sorority is believed to have dissolved sometime in 1972 or 1973, around the same time many other local sororities met the same fate. The Phi Delta Alumnae Association's \$7,000 gift to the SUNY Albany Foundation in 1974 came with the stipulation that, if there was ever another active chapter of Phi Delta on campus, \$5,000 would be made available to them. There was some interest among alumnae in reinstating an active chapter at Albany in the late 1980s and early 1990s--around the time the Chi Sigma Theta sorority launched a new active chapter on campus--but those plans never came to fruition. The Alumnae Association continued to be active, sending out newsletters and hosting get-togethers during University at Albany Homecoming and Reunion until at least the early 2000s.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains administrative and subject files such as constitutions, meeting minutes, and membership lists; scrapbooks documenting the sorority's members and activities; and memorabilia such as official sorority stamps and jewelry. Administrative files of the Alumnae Association are also included in the collection.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into the following series:

Series 1 is arranged alphabetically. Series 2 is arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition Information

These records were transferred to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives by Annette Gardiner DeLyser, Class of 1949, President of the Phi Delta Alumnae Association.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Greek letter societies--New York (State)--Albany
- Sorority songs
- Initiations (into trades, societies, etc.)
- Women--New York (State)--Albany--Societies and clubs

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- UAlbany Student Groups
- Minutes (administrative records)
- State University of New York at Albany
- Phi Delta Sorority

Collection Inventory

Administrative and Subject Files, 1923-2004Undated

Date [inclusive]: 1923-2004

Date [inclusive]: Undated

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains administrative and subject files for the Phi Delta Sorority. It includes such materials as constitutions, initiation ceremonies and traditions, membership lists, newsletters, financial records and more, documenting the sorority's activities throughout its history. There are also similar materials relating to Phi Delta alumnae.

Title/Description	Instances	
The Ado <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 1
Alumnae Association Life Member certificate <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 2
Alumnae directories <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1949 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1960 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 3
Alumnae directories and newsletter <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1957-1958 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1966	Oversized 1	
Alumnae financial records <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1982-1990	Box 1 (1- Administrative	Folder 4

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1999	and Subject Files)	
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2004		
Alumnae lists <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2004	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 5
Alumnae newsletters <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1963 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1969	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 6
Alumnae newsletters and invitations <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1981-1992	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 7
Alumnae newsletters <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2000-2003	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 8
Alumnae reunion guestbook <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1980-2004	Oversized 1	
Alumni awards <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1992	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 9
Alumni donation correspondence <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1974	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 10
Annual convention and meeting President Hoover <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1931	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 11
Application for charter <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1964	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 12
Busca el Burro program <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 13
Cancelled bank books <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1940-1980	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 14
Ceremonies <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative	Folder 15

Chapter and national constitutions <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	and Subject Files) Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 16
Christmas Ball programs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1949	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 17
Committee reports for Greek workshop <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1963	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 18
Composite photographs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1963-1968 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1970-1971 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1977-1978	Flat-File 1	
Constitution <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1923 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1967	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 19
Constitution <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1968	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 20
Constitution <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 21
Correspondence <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1933	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 22
Correspondence and notes <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1932 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 23
Correspondence re: alumnae newsletter <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1992 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2001-2004	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 24
Correspondence re: constitution and traditions <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1941	Box 1 (1- Administrative	Folder 25

Correspondence re: memorabilia <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991	and Subject Files) Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 26
History <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1930	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 27
Honorary members <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1937-1952	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 28
House mother Lydia Totten obituary <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1962	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 29
Housing financial and legal documents <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1956-1964	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 30
Housing, Uptown Campus <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1964	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 31
Incorporation <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1968	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 32
Incorporation papers <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 33
Initiation ritual <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 34
Invitations and program <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1948-1949	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 35
Membership list <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 1
Member lists and financial documents	Box 2 (1- Administrative	Folder 2

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1962-1963	and Subject Files)	
Membership questionnaire <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1931-1939	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 3
Metal type <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 4
Minutes <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1945-1948	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 5
Minutes <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1949-1951	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 6
National constitution and initiation ceremony <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 7
Newsclippings <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1940s	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 8
Newsclippings, Western Avenue house <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1946	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 9
Newspapers <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1946 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1948	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 10
Obituaries <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2004 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 11
Phi Delt newsletters <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1931-1932 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1940-1942 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1947	Oversized 1	
Phi Delta newsletters <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1958-1960	Box 2 (1-Administrative	Folder 12

Photographs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	and Subject Files) Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 13
Photographs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 14
Photographs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1941	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 15
Photographs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1948	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 16
Photographs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1949	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 17
Photographs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1960s	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 18
Photographs, Rush party <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1952	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 19
Photograph, sisters outside Hudson Avenue building <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1929	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 20
Pin photographs and history <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 21
Pledge lists <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1930-1954	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 22
Poem <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 23
President Collins memo on fraternities and sororities	Box 2 (1- Administrative	Folder 24

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1963	and Subject Files)	
Reactivation correspondence and notes <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1985 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1992 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 25
Recommendations <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1929-1967	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 26
Songs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 28
Songs <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Oversized 1	
Sorority photograph <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 29
Spring Formal dance program <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1951	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 30
Thank you note <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 31

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Scrapbooks and Memorabilia, 1929-1965Undated

Date [inclusive]: 1929-1965

Date [inclusive]: Undated

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series consists of scrapbooks kept by the sorority to document activities as well as objects used by the sorority and bearing the Phi Delta seal.

Title/Description	Instances
Scrapbook	

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1929	Box 2 (2- Scrapbooks and Memorabilia)	Folder 27
Scrapbook <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1947-1948	Oversized 2	
Scrapbook <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1958-1959	Oversized 3	
Scrapbook <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1960-1961	Oversized 4	
Scrapbook <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1961-1962	Oversized 5	
Scrapbook <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1962-1963	Oversized 6	
Scrapbook <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1963-1964	Oversized 7	
Scrapbook <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1964-1965	Oversized 8	
Life Member seal embossing stamp <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Artifact-box 1	
Phi Delta bracelet <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Artifact-box 1	
Phi Delta jewelry box <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Artifact-box 1	
Phi Delta powder compact <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Artifact-box 1	
Phi Delta seal embossing stamp <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Artifact-box 1	

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