



Guide to the Phi Mu, Gamma Epsilon Chapter (Duke University) Records, 1934-1982

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Summary

Collection Title:

Phi Mu, Gamma Epsilon Chapter (Duke University) records, 1934-1982

Creator:

Phi Mu, Gamma Epsilon Chapter (Duke University)

Abstract:

The Gamma Epsilon chapter was established at Duke University in 1934 as a social fraternity for women college students. Type of material includes scrapbooks, photographs, minutes, a constitution, and songbook. Major topics include student life at Duke University, sororities, initiation, and general management of a fraternal organization. The material ranges in date from 1934-1982.

Extent:

17 Linear Feet
about 300 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

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Background

Scope and Content

The collection includes scrapbooks, photographs, minutes, printed material, a constitution, and songbook. Major topics include student life at Duke University, sororities, initiation, and general management of a fraternal organization. The material ranges in date from 1934-1982.

Biographical/Historical

The Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Phi Mu, was established at Duke University in 1934. New members took part in their first Greek events in November 1934. These events included the Phi Psi installation, a Carolina pep meeting, a Sigma Nu dance, and a co-ed ball. Rachel Meetze served as the Gamma Epsilon chapter's first president. The chapter dissolved in 1987 and is no longer active at Duke University.

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Administrative Information

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Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The Phi Mu, Gamma Epsilon Chapter (Duke University) Records were received by the University Archives as a transfer in 1973, 1981.

Processing Information

Processed by Emily Glenn, January 2003

Encoded by Kimberly Sims, January 2008

Accessions A73-26 and A81-54 were merged into one collection, described in this finding aid.

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Related Materials

Related Material

Panhellenic Council RecordsDuke University ArchivesFraternities and Sororities CollectionDuke University ArchivesWoman's College RecordsDuke University Archives

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Names and Subjects

- Initiations (into trades, societies, etc.)
- Greek letter societies -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Phi Mu. Gamma Epsilon Chapter (Duke University)
- Phi Mu. Gamma Epsilon Chapter (Duke University)
- Duke University -- Societies, etc.

- Duke University -- Students -- Societies, etc.

Collection Inventory

Scrapbooks, 1934-1980

Physical Description: 11) Boxes

Scope and Contents note

Contains scrapbooks and yearbooks of the Gamma Epsilon chapter. These books include materials about "Little Sister/Big Sister" events, pledging, rush, dances, parties, and press received by the fraternity. The 1934 scrapbook contains the petition for a charter.

1934	Box 1
1936-1940	Box 2
1934-1936	Box 3
1936	Box 3
1940-1942	Box 4
1947-1949	Box 4
1949-1958	Box 4
circa 1940s	Box 5
1947	Box 5
1952-1953	Box 14
1955-1957	Box 6
1959-1960	Box 6
1972-1973	Box 6
1961-1966	Box 7
1974-1977	Box 8
1977-1978	Box 9

1978-1979	Box 10
Album of photographs and composites, circa 1930s-1980	Box 11

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Chapter Minutes, 1934-1972

Physical Description: 1) Box

Scope and Contents note

Contains the minutes of house meetings. Topics include general business, social, and civic activities of the chapter.

1934-1937	Box 12
1938-1945 April	Box 12
1945 Sept.-1953	Box 12
1953-1960	Box 12
1960-1972	Box 12
1975-1976	Box 12

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Printed Materials, 1958-1982

Physical Description: 2) Boxes

Scope and Contents note

Contains The Aglaia, the newsletter of the Phi Mu headquarters, and Songs of Phi Mu, also published by the headquarters. The 1980 and 1982 issues contain references to the Gamma Epsilon chapter.

The Aglaia, 1958-1959/1968-1969	Box 12
The Aglaia, 1969-1970/1976, 1980, 1982	Box 13
Songs of Phi Mu, 1960	Box 13

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Other Materials, circa 1950-1980

Physical Description: 1) Box

Scope and Contents note

Contains constitution and bylaws of the national headquarters, materials used during pledging, and photographs. Also see Series 1 for composite photographs.

Constitution and bylaws, 1974	Box 13
Convention program, 1952	Box 13
Pledge materials, circa 1972	Box 13
Photographs, circa 1950-1952	Box 13
Photographs, 1975	Box 13
Photographs, 1979, 1980	Box 13

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