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Summary Information

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Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Kappa Delta Sorority Records, 1899-2001. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Kappa Delta Sorority Records).

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Biographical Sketch

The Kappa Delta Sorority is the successor to the Kappa Delta Society, founded at the New York State Normal College (now the University at Albany) on June 16, 1897. The Kappa Delta Society's purpose was to "promote social and literary advancement." Although inquiries into nationalization were made between 1919 and 1922, the Albany Kappa Delta was not a part of the national organization of the same name.

The constitution of the Kappa Delta Society stated that the object of the Society was "the attainment toward culture among its members." By 1930 the sorority's goal changed to the more contemporary "promotion of fellowship among its members."

Kappa Delta was incorporated in Albany in April 1922. The purpose of the Kappa Delta Corporation was to "promote fraternal, intellectual, and social pursuits among its members and to oversee the sale and upkeep of any property it may own." The corporation subsequently purchased a sorority house at 380 Western Avenue, which was occupied by the sorority until it was sold to the College of St. Rose in the 1960s.

Kappa Delta maintained certain traditions at various times in its history. Some traditions were eventually phased out, such as the purchasing of an engraved silver spoon for each baby born to a sister within five years of her graduation. Others, like the formal events held each fall and spring, stood the test of time even as they evolved and changed. And still others, like the annual alumnae luncheon, faded away only to be revived in later years.

Kappa Delta was dissolved in the late fall of 1979 or the early spring of 1980, because of limited interest in sororities on campus at that time. The Corporation continued after the folding of the active sorority as the financial vehicle for administering Kappa Delta funds, to be used for alumnae meetings and scholarships.

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Scope and Contents

The Kappa Delta Sorority Records include administrative files, subject files, alumnae newsletters, photographs, scrapbooks, and memorabilia objects. The administrative and subject files contain meeting minutes, constitutions and by-laws, membership and initiation lists, and other records relating to the functioning of the sorority, as well as materials related to traditions and sorority events. The Alumni Association newsletters date from the 1970s and 1980s, and include information about the active chapter of Kappa Delta, sorority alumnae updates and events, and the business concerns of the Kappa Delta Corporation. There are both candid photographs and official posed portraits. The collection contains several complete scrapbooks as well as folders with loose items removed from scrapbooks. The memorabilia items include shirts, blankets, jewelry, and other objects.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into the following series:

- 1 Series 1 - Administrative and Subject Files, 1899-2001, Undated
- 2 Series 2 - Alumni Association Newsletters, 1973-1985
- 3 Series 3 - Scrapbooks and Photographs, 1937-1997, Undated

4 Series 4 - Memorabilia, 1963-1997, Undated

All series are arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

The Kappa Delta Records were originally transferred to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives from the Alumni Association in 1989. Since then the collection has been augmented several times through donations from individual alumni.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Additional material related to the Kappa Delta Sorority can be found in the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives in the Alumni Memorabilia Collection, Classes of 1921, 1923, 1931, 1939, 1940, 1944, 1946, and 1959; and the University Archives Photograph Collection. The University at Albany Alumni House holds a framed Kappa Delta sheepskin as well as the six-piece Kappa Delta sterling silver tea service.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Literature
- Greek letter societies--New York (State)--Albany
- Sorority songs
- Initiations (into trades, societies, etc.)
- Women--New York (State)--Albany--Societies and clubs
- Albany (N.Y.)
- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Programs (documents)
- Scrapbooks
- UAlbany Student Groups
- Minutes (administrative records)
- State University of New York at Albany
- Kappa Delta Sorority

Collection Inventory

Administrative and Subject Files, 1899-2001Undated

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains records relating to the administration and activities of the Kappa Delta Sorority. Meeting minutes, membership and initiation lists, constitutions and by-laws, and other materials document the sorority's functioning from shortly after its founding, in 1899, to 1978. There are no minutes for 1903-1923, 1933-1934, 1941-1950, or 1975-1980. This series also includes sorority traditions, publicity materials, and some materials relating to alumnae.

Title/Description	Instances	
Minutes, 1899-1902	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 1
History from <i>The Neon</i> , 1900	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 2
Nationalization correspondence, 1919-1922	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 3
Minutes, 1924-1928	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 4
Minutes, 1928-1932	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 5
Constitution and membership lists, 1930-1950	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 6
Minutes, 1935-1940	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 7
Certificates of indebtedness, 1941-1956	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 8
Initiation lists, 1950-1979	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 9
Minutes, 1951-1952	Box 1 (1-Administrative	Folder 10

	and Subject Files)	
Minutes, 1954-1956	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 11
Minutes, 1956-1958	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 12
Minutes, 1958-1960	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 13
Traditions and transcription, 1959Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 14
Minutes, 1960-1961	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 15
Minutes, 1961-1962	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 16
Resolutions, 1962	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 17
Membership lists, 1962Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 18
Financial statement, 1963	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 19
Pledge list, 1963	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 20
Minutes, 1963-1964	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 21
Constitution and by-laws, 1964	Box 1 (1- Administrative	Folder 22

	and Subject Files)	
Minutes, 1964-1967	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 23
Minutes, 1967-1968	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 24
Meeting notes, 1967-1975	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 25
Newspaper clippings, ca. 1968	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 26
Evaluations, 1968-1969	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 27
Meeting notes, 1968-1969	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 28
Minutes, 1968-1969	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 29
Family trees, ca. 1968-1977	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 30
Family trees, ca. 1968-1977	Oversized 1	Folder 1
Minutes, 1969-1971	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 31
By-law revisions, 1971	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 32
Program for Holiday Sing, 1971	Box 1 (1- Administrative	Folder 33

	and Subject Files)	
Minutes, 1971-1973	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 34
Scholarship announcement and applications, 1972-1992	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 35
Event publicity, 1973	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 36
Minutes, 1973-1974	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 37
Event publicity, 1974	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 38
Rush materials, 1974	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 39
Event publicity, 1975	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 40
Minutes, 1975	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 41
Event publicity, 1976	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 42
Event publicity, 1978	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 43
Alumni memories from Centennial celebration, 1997	Box 1 (1- Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 44
Centennial celebration, 1997	Video-Tape 1	

Centennial program and newsletter, 1997	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 45
Career histories of the women of Kappa Delta, 1999	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 46
Albany State and Kappa Deltas in the Class of 1941, 2001	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 47
Kappa Delta Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme book, Undated	Flat-File 1	
Letterhead and oath, Undated	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 48
Songs, Undated	Box 1 (1-Administrative and Subject Files)	Folder 49

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Alumni Association Newsletter, 1973-1985

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series consists of newsletters mailed out to Kappa Delta alumnae, dated 1973-1974, 1976, and 1979-1985. The newsletters include news from the active chapter, career and life updates from alumni, planning for alumni events, and information about the financial dealings of the Kappa Delta Corporation.

Title/Description	Instances	
Alumni Association newsletter, 1973	Box 1 (2-Alumni Association Newsletter)	Folder 50
Alumni Association newsletter, 1974	Box 1 (2-Alumni Association Newsletter)	Folder 51
Alumni Association newsletter, 1976	Box 1 (2-Alumni Association Newsletter)	Folder 52

	Association Newsletter)	
Alumni Association newsletter, 1979	Box 1 (2- Alumni Association Newsletter)	Folder 53
Alumni Association newsletter, 1980	Box 1 (2- Alumni Association Newsletter)	Folder 54
Alumni Association newsletter, 1981	Box 1 (2- Alumni Association Newsletter)	Folder 55
Alumni Association newsletter, 1983	Box 1 (2- Alumni Association Newsletter)	Folder 56
Alumni Association newsletter, 1984	Box 1 (2- Alumni Association Newsletter)	Folder 57
Alumni Association newsletter, 1985	Box 1 (2- Alumni Association Newsletter)	Folder 58

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Photographs and Scrapbooks, 1937-1997Undated

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series includes several years' worth of formal posed portraits and composites of the whole sorority, as well as candid photos contributed from individuals. There are several complete scrapbooks, both the "official" scrapbooks kept by the sorority historians each year and personal scrapbooks from sorority members. This series also includes several folders containing loose materials initially housed within scrapbooks, such as photographs, programs, invitations and other keepsakes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Loose photographs and newspaper clippings from scrapbook, 1937-1940	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 59
Loose items from scrapbook, 1939-1944		

	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 60
Loose scrapbook items, 1943-1946	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 61
Loose items from scrapbook, 1954-1957	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 62-63
11x14 Composites, 1955-1957	Oversized 1	Folder 2
Loose items from scrapbook, 1956-1957	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 64
Photographs, 1956-1957	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 65
28.5x36.75 Composite, 1959-1960	Flat-File 2	
Photographs, 1959-Undated	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 66
25x30 Composite, 1960-1961	Flat-File 2	
Kappa Delta scrapbook, 1960-1961	Oversized 2	
25x30 Composite, 1961-1962	Flat-File 2	
28x36 Composite, 1962-1963	Flat-File 2	
23x26 Composite, 1963-1964	Flat-File 3	
32x40 Composite, 1964-1965	Flat-File 3	
Loose scrapbook items, 1964-1965-Undated	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 67
28x36 Composite, 1965-1966	Flat-File 3	
30x37 Composite, 1966-1967	Flat-File 4	
Kappa Delta scrapbook, 1966-1967	Oversized 3	
28.5x36.75 Composite, 1967-1968	Flat-File 4	
Photographs, ca. 1968	Box 1 (3- Photographs	Folder 68

	and Scrapbooks)	
Photographs from family trees, ca. 1968	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 69
30x37 Composite, 1968-1969	Flat-File 4	
Kappa Delta Scrapbook, 1968-1969	Oversized 4	
28x36 Composite, 1969-1970	Flat-File 4	
Kappa Delta scrapbook, 1969-1970	Oversized 5	
Loose items from scrapbook, 1969-1970	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 70
32x40 Composite, 1970-1971	Flat-File 4	
Kappa Delta scrapbook, 1970-1971	Oversized 6	
Scope and Contents		
Includes composite photographs from 1969, 1970, and 1971.		
Kappa Delta scrapbook edited by Historians Filly Arcuri '72 and Mary McAllister '71, 1970-1972	Oversized 7	
14x20 group portrait by David Slawsky, 1973	Oversized 1	Folder 3
Photographs, 1974	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 71
Photograph, 1974	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 72
14x20 group portrait, ca. 1974	Oversized 1	Folder 4
25x30 Composite, 1974-1975	Flat-File 5	
Photographs, 1974-1976	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 73
25x30 Composite, 1975-1976	Flat-File 5	
11x14 composites, 1975-1976-1977	Oversized 1	Folder 5
25x30 Composite, 1976-1977	Flat-File 5	
Photographs and negatives, 1979-Undated	Box 1 (3- Photographs	Folder 74

	and Scrapbooks)	
Photograph, ca. 1979	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 75
Photo album of Centennial celebration, 1997	Oversized 8	
Photograph of sorority house on Western Ave, Undated	Box 1 (3- Photographs and Scrapbooks)	Folder 76

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Memorabilia, 1963-1997Undated

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

The Memorabilia series includes objects related to Kappa Delta. There are textiles such as shirts and blankets; jewelry; glassware and mugs; plaques; and other objects either used by the sorority or bearing the Kappa Delta symbol.

Title/Description	Instances
Beer stein, Spring Weekend favor, ca. 1963	Artifact-box 1
Spring weekend blanket, 1965	Artifact-box 2
Spring Weekend wooden goblet, 1966	Artifact-box 3
Albany State beer mugs, 1967	Artifact-box 4
Paddles, 19721975	Artifact-box 3
Plaque for contributions to Alumni House, 1974	Artifact-box 3
Plaque for outstanding community support, 1976	Artifact-box 3
Candle from Centennial celebration, 1997	Artifact-box 5
Banner, Undated	

	Artifact-box 2
Blazer, Undated	Artifact-box 2
Scarf, Undated	Artifact-box 2
Candle snuffer, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Kappa Delta brooch, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Kappa Delta jewelry box, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Kappa Delta necklace, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Kappa Delta necklace, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Kappa Delta pin, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Kappa Delta pin and University at Albany pin, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Kappa Delta pin belonging to Laura Bristol Chapman '13, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Two Kappa Delta pins, Undated	Artifact-box 5
"Smile on your brother" button, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Wooden gavel, Undated	Artifact-box 5
Blanket, Undated	Artifact-box 6
Embroidered pillow, Undated	Artifact-box 6
Leather Kappa Delta pillowcase, Undated	Artifact-box 6
Two sweatshirts, Undated	Artifact-box 7
"Vinnies" t-shirt, Undated	Artifact-box 7
Metal platter, Undated	Artifact-box 8
Kappa Delta lightbox sign, Undated	Oversized 9

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