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Kappa Beta Fraternity; Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Kappa Beta Fraternity Records
ID:	ua800.012
Date [inclusive]:	1937-2007
Physical Description:	1.5 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	An artificial collection of memorabilia and paper records concerning the Kappa Beta Fraternity. Originally a Jewish fraternity, it became non-denominational in 1948.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Kappa Beta Fraternity Records, 1937-2007. 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 Beta Fraternity Records).

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Historical Note

The fraternity was created in the academic year 1936-37 to provide an atmosphere where Jewish students at the then New York State College for Teachers could socialize and enjoy Kosher meals. Kappa Beta was deactivated during WW II when most of its members were drafted or volunteered for the service. It was reestablished in 1946 and its newly elected president, Paul Wagner 48, pushed through an amendment to its constitution making KB non-sectarian. The fraternity continued to exist at the State University of New York at Albany until 1974 and alumni directories list one member as a graduate of the Class of 1980. Alumni of the fraternity held reunions until at least 2007.

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Scope and Contents

An artificial collection of memorabilia and paper records including two histories of the fraternity (one by a founder, Nahum Lewis 38, and a second by Arnold Newman 56), drinking mugs, membership lists, newsletters, photographs, and reunion programs. Included in the records are photos, programs and memorabilia from reunions from 1946 through 2007.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection has no series, arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

The items in this manuscript group were donated to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, by Nahum Lewis 38, Rita Greenwald, Stephen Greenwald 40, Robert (Bob) Barron 52, Arnold Newman 56,57, Philip T. Coccia 66, Michael Bloom 67 and Michelle Miller.

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Controlled Access Headings

- UAlbany Student Groups
- Kappa Beta Fraternity (State University of New York at Albany)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
History of Kappa Beta Fraternity, by Nahum Lewis, 2001	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records) Folder 1

Photographs, ca. 1940-1955

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	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 2
Certificate of Invitation to membership in Kappa Beta of Saul Stephen Greenwald (Greenwald was a charter member), 1937 May	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 3
Kappa Beta Reunion, 1952 May	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 4
Kappa Beta Personal Data, 1952 August	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 5
Kappa Beta Personal Data, 1952 August	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 6
Kappa Beta Dinner and Dance, 1952 October	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 7
Kappa Beta Banquet Dinner, 1955 May	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 8
Kappa Beta Reunion, 1970 October	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 9
Kappa Beta Reunion, 1976 October	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 10
Kappa Beta Reunion, 1976 October	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 11
Kappa Beta Diamond Jubilee, 1977 June-August	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 12
Kappa Beta Correspondence with Alumni Association, 1977-1978	Box 1 (Kappa Beta	Folder 13

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Kappa Beta Correspondence with Alumni Association, 1982 June- July	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 14
Kappa Beta University Reunion Documents, 1981 September-1992 June	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 15
Kappa Beta Reunion, 1991 October	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 16
Kappa Beta Reunion, 1991 October	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 17
University at Albany Foundation Annual Report (With Kappa Beta donors to annual fund circled), 1995-1996	Box 1 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 18
Kappa Beta Fraternity List, 1976 October	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 1
Kappa Beta Directory, 1960-1961	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 2
Kappa Beta Newsletter, 1954 May-1956 June	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 3
Kappa Beta Memorial Fund, 1997	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 4
Kappa Beta Reunion Newsletter, 1997 June	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 5
Kappa Beta Reunion Photographs,, 2002 June	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 6
Kappa Beta 65th Anniversary Weekend Program, 2002 June	Box 2 (Kappa Beta	Folder 7

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Kappa Beta Reunion list of Brothers 1938-1980, 2002 June	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 8
Kappa Beta Mardi Gras Ball Program, 1956 February	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 9
Kappa Beta Reunion Dinner Photograph, 1946 May	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 10
Kappa Beta Pledge Paddle (loose-not in box), Undated	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 11
Bnai Chaim, Brothers for Life: A Personal, Anecdotal History of Kappa Beta Fraternity, 1937-1974, by Arnold Newman, Undated	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 12
Kappa Beta Memorabilia, Undated	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 13
Kappa Beta 70th Reunion gift (white tile with Kappa Beta shield, motto, and 1937-2007 date), Undated	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 14
Kappa Beta Reunion cocktail napkin, 2002	Box 2 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 15
Reunion files - Includes 1960-61 Kappa Beta Alumni Directory, annual Kappa Beta Newsletters, 1957-60, and the Initiation Certificate for Robert Barron, 52, 19621992-2002	Box 3 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 1
Photo album, 65th and 70th reunions, 20022007	Box 3 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 2
Kappa Beta Spring Weekend 65 Brown Jug, Undated	Box 4 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 1
Kappa Beta Beer Stein with "ARNIE, 1956", Undated	Box 4 (Kappa Beta	Folder 2

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Kappa Beta 20th Anniversary Beer Stein, 1957, Undated	Box 4 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 3
60th Reunion cap, 1997	Box 5 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 1
65th Reunion cap, 2002	Box 5 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 2
65th Reunion cap, 2002	Box 5 (Kappa Beta Fraternity Records)	Folder 3