Alpha Pi Alpha; Records

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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title: Alpha Pi Alpha Records
ID: ua800.015
Date [inclusive]: 1952-1978
Physical Description: 13.28 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English.
Mixed Materials [Collection]: X
Abstract: Scrapbooks and memorabilia of Alpha Pi Alpha, founded in 1952 as an independent non-discriminatory fraternity at the New York State College for Teachers

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Alpha Pi Alpha Records, 1952-1958. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Alpha Pi Alpha Records).

Biographical / Historical

Alpha Pi Alpha was chartered on September 29, 1952, as an independent non-discriminatory fraternity at the New York State College for Teachers. Alpha Pi Alpha was the successor to the Gamma chapter (founded in 1915) of the national fraternity Kappa Delta Rho.
**Scope and Contents**

Bound in the records are 16 scrapbooks, 1952-1978, the fraternity's certificate of incorporation, a fraternity paddle, and rug, the fraternity crest, fraternity trivia, and the fraternity hymn. Apparently no minutes of APA meetings survive. The scrapbooks contain the basic record of the fraternity's activities. The first 1952 scrapbook contains the Gamma chapter's correspondence with the Kappa Delta Rho national and newspaper clippings documenting the struggle to end official and unofficial discrimination of the Kappa Delta Rho national. The second scrapbook, 1952-56, contains some documentation regarding pledging rituals.

**Arrangement**

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

**Administrative Information**

**Publication Statement**

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**Revision Description**

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**Processing Information**

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