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Institution: Shorefront Legacy Center

Collection Title: Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. collection

Date Span: 1942-1997, bulk dates 1986-1987

Extent: .25 Linear feet

Processors: Processed by CLIR funded Black Metropolis Research Consortium "Color Curtain Processing Project." By Dustin Witsman. June 14th, 2012. Additions to the collection by Dino Robinson (Shorefront), June 8, 2013.

Restrictions: None

Related Collections: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority records, Shorefront Legacy Center; Social and Civic Clubs and Organizations collection, Shorefront Legacy Center

Abstract:

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the first intercollegiate, African-American fraternal organization for men, was formed at Cornell in 1906 to promote and defend African-American civil rights. The Zeta Xi Lambda chapter was formed in Evanston, Illinois in 1956. The Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Collection spans from 1942 to 1997 and contains information relating to the chartering of the chapter, By-Laws, membership, and photographs.

Historical Note:

Formed to promote, defend, and educate the African-Americans and give voice to their struggle, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University by seven undergraduates known as the "The Seven Jewels." It was also the first African-American intercollegiate fraternity for men. The Zeta Xi Lambda chapter was chartered in Evanston, Illinois in 1956.

Cited Sources:

"Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity: Brief Background," last modified April 13, 2006, <http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/alpha/>

Scope and Content Note:

The Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Collection is arranged into four series: "History," "Membership," "Correspondence," and "Photographs." The collection spans from 1942-1997, but the bulk of the material is from 1986-1987, and the material primarily reflects the clubs' membership and meetings from this time. New addition to the collection spans 1950-1970

Access Headings:

African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.

African American fraternal organizations

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter

Alpha Phi Alpha--History
Civil rights.
Evanston (Ill.)--History
Fraternal organizations--Illinois

Container List:

Series I: History, n.d.

This series contains material related to the chartering of the Zeta Xi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Local Chapter History	n.d.
	1.1	Alpha Newsletter	1967
	1.2	The Sphinx	June 1931
	1.3	The Sphinx	Oct. 1931
	1.4	The Sphinx	May 1932

Series II: Membership, 1967-1987

"Membership" is comprised of member biography sheets, meeting minutes, and pledging information.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	2	Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter By-Laws	1967
	3	Pledging Information	1986-1987
	4	Members	c1986
	4.1	Members	c1950
	4.2	Info Sheets	1956-1960
	5	Zeta Xi Lambda Minutes	1984-1987
	5.1	Agendas and Reports	1965-1967
	5.2	Spring and Summer Formals	1965-1967
	5.3	23 Annual Convention ad book	1952

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Series III: Correspondence, 1986-1987

This series contains correspondence and corporate mailings, including newsletters.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	6	Corporate Mailings	1986-1987
	7	Correspondence/ Stationary	1987
	7.1	Stationary	1960
	7.2	General Letters	1966-1967
	7.3	Letters to Northwestern	1967
	7.4	Reinstatement Letters/Northwestern	1956-1957
	7.5	Misc. receipts	1957, 1965

Series IV: Photographs, 1942, n.d.

This series contains photographs of members of the Zeta Xi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	8	Founding Members	1942
	9	Zeta Xi Lambda Members	n.d.
	10	Founding Members (Alpha Mu/ Northwestern?)	n.d.

Series V: Restricted

This series contains photographs of members of the Zeta Xi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	Z	Ceremonial	1953