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## Profile Description

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## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

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**Unit ID**

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**Unit Date**

1921-2005

**Unit Date**

1930-1990

**Language**

English

**Creator**

Beta Lambda Chapter

**Creator**

Pearson, Danella Hewitt

**Creator**

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**Extent**

3.70 Linear Feet

**Repository**

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Acc. 1992.008 gift of K.C. Walsh 02/17/1992; Acc. 2009.192 received via Anne Arseneau, Office of Student Activities Associate Director of Greek Life & Leadership on 5/8/2009.

**Processing Information:**

A portion of this collection was described by Special Collections Staff prior to 2007. This collection was further arranged and described by David Basset in December 2007. Acc. 2009.192 was accessioned by Amy C. Schindler in May 2009. Alicia Futrell arranged and described the collection in June-August 2009.

**Preferred Citation:**

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## Historical Note:

The William and Mary Chapter, Beta Gamma, was installed on April 28, 1922 and was the second women's fraternity to be recognized at the College of William and Mary. The chapter's current website: <http://web.wm.edu/so/kat/?svr=www>.

"In 1837, the Methodist Church established Indiana Asbury (now DePauw University) in Greencastle, Indiana." "Indiana Asbury officially opened its doors to women in 1867, but not without great uproar from the male students. In 1870, Theta became the first women's Greek-letter fraternity because its primary founder, Bettie Locke, wanted full membership in a male fraternity. When the men asked her to wear their fraternity badge as a 'mascot,' she responded, 'If you won't initiate me into your fraternity, I'll start my own.' Thus, Kappa Alpha Theta was established on January 27, 1870." Kappa Alpha Theta web site:

<http://www.kappaalphatheta.org>

Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: [http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Beta\\_Lambda\\_Chapter](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Beta_Lambda_Chapter).

## Scope and Contents

This collection includes items from the founding of sorority Kappa Alpha Theta, Beta Lambda in the 1920s at the College of William and Mary and material from the late 1940s to the present. Founding documents include a petition of the William and Mary chapter of Gamma Omega (a local fraternity) to become a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta and a draft of a letter to Anne L. Miller, President, District VII, Kappa Alpha Theta, concerning the petition. The records from the 1930s to the present include newsletters from the 1940s-1950s, programs and fliers from the 1940s to 2005, meeting minutes and attendance sheets from the 1950s to the 1990s, slides of their various events in the 1980s and 1990s, scrapbooks from the 1930s-1950s & 1980s, photographs, and related material.

Acc. 2009.192 has not yet been fully arranged and described and is not reflected in the Box List below.

## Related Materials:

Additional information can be found in the William and Mary newspaper, The Flat Hat at <http://swem.wm.edu/beta/flathat/beta>; and at the Beta Gamma Chapter website, <http://www.wm.edu/so/kat/>

## Keywords

Correspondence

Petitions

Newsletters

Sororities--Social--Gamma Omega

Sororities--Social--Kappa Alpha Theta

## Custodial History:

A portion of this collection was previously part of the University Archives Publications Collection.

## Arrangement of Materials:

This collection is currently being arranged and described. Consult a staff member for assistance.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series 1: Administrative Records

**Unit ID** id57068

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55754

**Unit Date** 1921-2005

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#### Box 1

**Unit ID** id16868

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55757

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Letter Concerning Petition to join Kappa Alpha Theta****Unit ID** id16869**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55773**Unit Date** 1921**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Petition to Kappa Alpha Theta****Unit ID** id16870**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55774**Unit Date** 1922**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** id16871**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55775**Unit Date** 1975, 1990**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Fliers, Programs, Miscellaneous****Unit ID** id56707**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55776**Unit Date** 1949-2005**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Newsletter, Beta Lambda Gazot****Unit ID** id56708**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55777**Unit Date** 1948-1952**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Newsletter, Kite Tides****Unit ID** id56709**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55778**Unit Date** 1956-1958**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Invitation to a reception in honor of the initiates****Unit ID** id100962**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55779**Unit Date** Febraruy 20, 1938**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

small handwritten invitation card

## **Series 2: Scrapbooks**

**Unit ID** id57069

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55755

**Unit Date** 1930s-1980s

### **Scope and Contents**

This collection has not yet been fully arranged and described.

## **Series 3: Photographs and Slides**

**Unit ID** id57070

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55756

**Unit Date** 1978-1997

### **Composite Photographs**

**Unit ID** id57071

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55758

**Unit Date** 1978-1979

### **Composite Photographs**

**Unit ID** id57072

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55759

**Unit Date** 1980-1981

### **Composite Photographs**

**Unit ID** id57073

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55760

**Unit Date** 1981-1982

### **Composite Photographs**

**Unit ID** id57074

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55761

**Unit Date** 1982-1983

### **Composite Photographs**

**Unit ID** id57075

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55762

**Unit Date** 1984-1985

### **Composite Photographs**

**Unit ID** id57076

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55763

**Unit Date** 1985-1986

### **Composite Photographs**

**Unit ID** id57077

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55764

**Unit Date** 1986-1987

### **Composite Photographs**

**Unit ID** id57078

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/55765

**Unit Date** 1989-1990

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