

Phi Sigma Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	College Archives & Special Collections at Columbia College Chicago
Creator:	Phi Sigma
Title:	Phi Sigma Collection
ID:	RG 1000.11
Date [inclusive]:	1878-2012
Physical Description:	11.0 Cubic Feet 4 record boxes, 16 flat boxes, 1 oversize box Forms of materials: administrative records; Audiocassettes; color negatives; Correspondence; Creative writing; journals (periodicals); minutes (administrative records); Newspaper Clippings; Photographs; Poetry; reports; videotapes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Phi Sigma is a social organization which was founded in 1878 in Chicago, Illinois. This group is dedicated to public speaking and is the second oldest, continuously running organization of its kind in Illinois. This collection honors Columbia College Chicago's early curricula in oratory arts and it speaks to Columbia's mission and curricula today. The collection strength of the Phi Sigma Manuscript Collection consists of writings created by members, such as the Critics' Reports, Minutes, Presentation Papers, and their periodical "The Voice of Phi Sigma."

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Historical Note

On April 5, 1878, six young men, Gerald H. Beard, W. (William) Harrington Beard, Robert Jenson, John W. Mabbs, C. (Charles) Herbert Small, and Henry B. Wilson, formed a literary society in Chicago, Illinois. Their first meeting was held at the Beard Brothers Book Store on 453 West Madison Street (now 1308 W. Madison St., between Ada and Throop Sts.). "In the corner of that store on a bench, two chairs, a stool and a keg (I think there was a keg - empty keg) the old Phi Sigma started!" (W. Harrington

Beard). Initially, the group struggled with naming itself and members simply referred to themselves as the "Class." By March 1879, the name "Phi Sigma" was chosen as the Greek name for "Knowledge Seekers."

The group formed with the purpose to "devise ways to aid in the study of literature and history and to afford an opportunity for practice in debate." During its first few months, members devoted themselves to serious study, critique, and presentations. As time went on, the weekly "degenerated into a good deal of boys frolic." As a result, Mr. Beard proposed a disbandment of the group in January 1879. However, this proposal was "voted down and with a promise to do better in the future."

In February 1882, William Hulin proposed admitting female members to Phi Sigma. At the March 21, 1882 meeting, six women joined the group: Jennie H. Allen, Frederica Beard, Vivien Cowles, Minnie Hanley, May G. Harsha, and Alice G. Hinchliffe.

Phi Sigma regularly published a compilation of papers call "The Voice of the Phi Sigma," or "The Voice," and presented them at meetings. The first volume was issued on June 10, 1879 and every two weeks thereafter. Since the members of Phi Sigma dedicated themselves to "mental improvement," "The Voice" served as an outlet for debate, information, news, and study. An editor was picked by the Chairman (later, the President) of the organization four weeks prior to the release of the issue. Topics covered in "The Voice" spanned many subjects such as History, English Language and Literature, Travel, Current Events, Philosophy, Religion, Inventions, etc. Many issues also include announcements about members and "squibs" sections that include jokes, riddles, word puzzles, and quotations. Over time, the publications recurred less often and by 1900, "The Voice" was issued annually.

Although study was the priority of Phi Sigma, the group became a strong social organization as well. Many early members married one another and they held annual picnics in Lake Forest, Illinois. The Phi Sigma Camping Club was incorporated in 1891 after several members ventured to Twin Lakes, Wisconsin in July 1890 to visit Dr. Walter May Fitch's cottage. Phi Sigmities have also held many annual banquets for New Year's celebrations and anniversaries of the group.

Members and guests continue to gather monthly from October to May at the home of one of the members. A talk is featured at each meeting, presented by a group member, focused on a theme selected at the beginning of the season. There is discussion of the topic after each talk. Phi Sigma today continues in accordance with its long traditions first established in that Chicago bookstore. The May meeting traditionally has its members engaged in an outing, a party, or a field trip to wrap up the class or season of that particular year.

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Scope and Contents

The Phi Sigma Collection dates from 1878 to 2012 in 11.0 cubic feet. The collection strength of the Phi Sigma Manuscript Collection consists of writings created by members, such as the Critics' Reports, Minutes, Presentation Papers, and their periodical "The Voice of Phi Sigma."

The collection also includes records about the history of the organization, some of its founding documents, records about anniversary celebrations, rosters of members, meeting minutes, annual programs, records and photographs from their 1890 Camping Club, records for events and outings, publicity materials, financial records, and multimedia materials.

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Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into fourteen series:

Series 1: History of Phi Sigma, 1898-2001

Series 2: Founding Documents, 1879-1896, 1986

Series 3: Anniversaries, 1888-1978

Series 4: Membership and Minutes, 1879-2012

Series 5: Programs, 1888-2012

Series 6: Critics' Reports, 1878-1896

Series 7: Presentation Papers, 1892-2010

Series 8: Writings, 1880s, 2003-2005

Series 9: Camping Club, 1890-1891

Series 10: May Outing/Party, 1923-2006

Series 11: Publicity, 1979-2006

Series 12: Financial, 1885-2000

Series 13: Multimedia, 1989-1996

Series 14: The Voice of Phi Sigma, 1879-2012

The first twelve and the fourteenth series have been arranged by subject, and materials within the Multimedia series (13) have been separated and arranged by format. Within each series, items have been arranged chronologically. In exception, the Resignations, Applications, and Member Obituaries in the Membership and Minutes series have been arranged alphabetically by surname.

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Conditions Governing Access

Materials available for research. Certain folders and student records have limited access.

Conditions Governing Use

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Acquisition Source

Phi Sigma donated the collection to the College Archives on April 8, 2011

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Gerald H. Beard Papers. Divinity School Library, Yale University Library

Harrington Beard House. Landmark Building, Heritage Preservation Commission, Minneapolis, MN

Chicago Literacy Club records, 1874-1960, Midwest Manuscript Collection, The Newberry Library

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Controlled Access Headings

- Social groups -- Illinois -- Chicago
- Speeches, addresses, etc.
- writing
- educating
- Chicago (Ill.)
- Beard, W. Harrington (William Harrington)
- Beard, Gerald H. (Gerald Harrington)
- Phi Sigma

Technical Access Note

Access to digitized objects within this collection can be found at DigitalCommons.

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: History of Phi Sigma, 1898-2001

Scope and Contents

Series 1: History of Phi Sigma dates from 1898 to 2001 and contains documents chronicling the history and evolution of the organization.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 1	
Folder 1, 1898	
Folder 2: Amelia A. Fitch, "Chronicles", 1903	
Folder 3: May Fitch, "The Early Times of Phi Sigma", 1928	
Folder 4: Notecards, undated	
Folder 5: Letters to Oak Leaves Editor, October 1991	
Folder 6: "Voices of the Past", March 1997	
Folder 7: Timeline, (circa 2001)	
Folder 8: Peter Lykos' 10 Year Prediction for Time Capsule, May 2001	
Folder 9: Phi Sigma Crest, undated	
Folder 10: Historical Archives Committee papers, 1998-2005	
Folder 11: Research Notes, undated	

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Series 2: Founding Documents, (1879-1896, 1986)

Scope and Contents

Series 2: Founding Documents dates from 1879 to 1896 and consists of administrative records of Phi Sigma's constitution, bylaws, amendments, proposals, and a record of the early papers written by members. This series includes a 1986 revision to the constitution.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 1	
Folder 12: Articles and Constitution/Membership, 1879	
Folder 13: Proposal to Amend Constitution, September 1, 1881	
Folder 14: Articles and Constitution/Membership, 1885-1896	
Folder 15: Constitution, undated	
Folder 16: Constitution, undated	
General	
torn	
Folder 17: Amendment to Constitution, January 1889	
Folder 18: Articles and Constitution, undated	
Folder 19: Record of Papers, 1879-1886	
Folder 20: Constitution Revision, 1986	

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Series 3: Anniversaries, 1888-1978

Scope and Contents

Series 3: Anniversaries dates from 1888 to 1978 and contains commemorations, histories, papers, invitations, programs, and correspondence from the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, fiftieth, and centennial celebrations of Phi Sigma's founding.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 1	
Folder 21: Anna F. Belden, "History of the Decennial Anniversary", 1888	
Folder 22: Correspondence, 1888	
Folder 23: Arthur L. Fanning, History of the Formation of Class (excerpt), 1898	
Folder 24: Banquet RSVPs, 1898	
Folder 25: Message to be read at 20th Anniversary	

Folder 26: Banquet Invitation, 1903

Folder 27: Banquet RSVPs, 1903

Folder 28: Banquet Attendees, 1903

Folder 29: Banquet Program, 1903

Folder 30: Correspondence, 1903

Folder 31: Banquet Invitation, 1928

Folder 32: Banquet RSVPs, 1928

Folder 33: Banquet Program, April 19, 1928

Folder 34: Correspondence, 1928

Folder 35: Banquet Program, April 10, 1953

Folder 36: Banquet Invitation, 1978

Folder 37: Banquet RSVPs, 1978

Folder 38: Banquet Program Notes, 1978

Folder 39: Banquet Photographs, 1978

Folder 40: Banquet Decorations, 1978

Folder 41: Centennial Program, 1977-1978

Folder 42: Ode to Phi Sigma, 1978

Folder 43: Year 2001 Predictions, 1978

General

Original

Folder 44: Year 2001 Predictions, 1978

General

Transcripts

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Series 4: Membership and Minutes, 1879-2012

Scope and Contents

Series 4: Membership and Minutes dates from 1879 to 2012 and includes minutes, attendance records, membership rosters, applications for membership, acceptance letters into the organization, resignations, member obituaries, directories, and notes.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 1	
Folder 45, 1887-1894	
Folder 46, 1894-1906	
Folder 47, 1906-1912	
Folder 48, 1912-1923	
Folder 49, 1923-1932	
Folder 50, 1944-1948	
Folder 51, 1949-1960	
Folder 52, 1960-1971	
Folder 53, 1975-1982	
Folder 54, 1981-1990	
Folder 55, 1990-1994	
Folder 56: Minutes and Attendance, 1994-1995	
Folder 57: Minutes, 1995-1996	
Folder 58: Agenda, 1996-2003	
Folder 59: Agenda, November 2001	
Folder 60: Minutes, April 2002	
Folder 61: Minutes, April - October 2004	
Folder 62: Minutes, April 2005	
Folder 63: Minutes, November 2010	
Box 2	
Folder 1: Executive Committee papers, (circa 1980s)	
Folder 2: Correspondence, (1886-1924, 1985)	
Folder 3: Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1993-2004	
Folder 4: Letters of Gratitude, 1886-2002	
Folder 5: Petition to Elect Mr. Bassett as Member, 1886	

Folder 6: Nominations, 1886-1896

Folder 7: Acceptance, 1886-1924

Folder 8: Resignations, 1886-1898

Folder 9: Addresses, (circa 1920s)

Folder 10: Membership Proposal Ballots, 1963

Folder 11: Phone Tree, (circa 1988)

Folder 12: Leadership Roster, 1971-2004

Folder 13: Applications, (1967-2004 and undated)

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by surname

Folder 14: Attendance, 1887-1888

Folder 15: Member Marriages, 1890-1900

Folder 16: Epitaphic Tribute to Harriet Whittlesey Wagner, 1891

Folder 17: Resolutions Honoring Deceased Members, 1964-1972

Folder 18: Memorial Tree Dedication Photographs, 1992

Folder 19: Memorial Tree for Deceased Members, 1993-1994

Folder 20: Member Obituaries, 1990-2012

Folder 21: Directory, 1925-1927

Folder 22: Photo Directory, 1999

Folder 23: Directories, (undated (circa 1890s))

Folder 24: Notes, 1887 and undated

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Series 5: Programs, 1888-2012

Scope and Contents

Series 5: Programs dates from 1888 to 2012. The bulk of this series contains the Annual Meetings and Membership programs, which include membership rosters and information about monthly meetings for each year. This series also includes ephemeral programs from various activities and events held by Phi Sigma.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 2	
Folder 26: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1888-1898	
Folder 27: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1898-1903	

Folder 28: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1903-1922

Folder 29: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1922-1929

Folder 30: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1929-1941

Folder 31: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1941-1952

Folder 32: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1952-1964

Folder 33: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1964-1974

Folder 34: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1974-1983

Folder 35: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1983-1990

Folder 36: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1990-1995

Folder 37: Annual Meetings and Membership, 1995-2002

Folder 38: Annual Meetings and Membership, 2002-2012

Folder 39: Meeting Order of Exercise, (circa 1880s)

Folder 40: Fall Meeting Program, undated

Folder 41: Annual Meetings and Resignation of Austin B. Bassett, 1887-1888

Folder 42: Annual Meetings, 1888-1889

Folder 43: Annual Meetings Revised, 1898-1899

Folder 44: "Our Mutual Friend" play performed by Phi Sigma, undated

Folder 45: Rhymes about Ice Cream Given at Annual Banquet, December 13, 1887

Folder 46: President's Introduction and Toast at Banquet, January 1891

Folder 47: Reception given to The Century Club by the Phi Sigma, May 15, 1891

Folder 48: Banquet Toast, January 1898

Folder 49: Literary Entertainment, June 10, 1879

Folder 50: Annual Outing, June 9, 1888

Folder 51: Railroad and Coast Survey Program and Reports, July 4, 1889

General

Original

Folder 52: Railroad and Coast Survey Program and Reports, July 4, 1889

General

Transcripts

Folder 53: Meeting Programme, June 16, 1891

Folder 54: Synthestra Music Concert Series, November 1994

Folder 55: Holiday Potluck Dinner, December 6, 1996

Folder 56: Slide/Lecture by Lee Brooke and Marcy Kubat, (circa 2001)

Folder 57: Anna and Lyman Shepard 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 24, 2003

Folder 58: Meeting Announcements, 2003-2007

Folder 59: Exhibit Display Cards, undated

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Series 6: Critics' Reports, 1878-1896

Scope and Contents

Series 6: Critics' Reports dates from 1878 to 1896. The Critics' Reports acted as administrative minutes and critiques of presentations from the previous meeting. Members presented papers on various topics at nearly every meeting.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 3	
Folder 1: Henry B. Wilson, April 12, 1878	
General	
Original	
Folder 2: Henry B. Wilson, April 12, 1878	
General	
Transcript	
Folder 3: Gerald H. Beard, April 30, 1878	
General	
Original	
Folder 4: Gerald H. Beard, April 30, 1878	
General	
Transcript	
Folder 5: Charles H. Small, May 14, 1878	
Folder 6: Henry B. Wilson, May 28, 1878	
Folder 7: Charles H. Small, June 4, 1878	
Folder 8: Gerald H. Beard, June 11, 1878	

Folder 9: Charles H. Small, June 10, 1879

General

Original

Folder 10: Charles H. Small, June 10, 1879

General

Transcript

Folder 11: William Hulin, November 20, 1879

Folder 12: Henry B. Wilson, December 2, 1879

Folder 13: Gerald H. Beard, December 9, 1879

Folder 14: Frank E. Whitman, January 6, 1880

Folder 15: William H. Beard, January 13, 1880

Folder 16: Gerald H. Beard, January 20, 1880

Folder 17: Henry B. Wilson, February 3, 1880

Folder 18: Gerald H. Beard, February 10, 1880

Folder 19: Gerald H. Beard, October 4, 1881

Folder 20: Frank H. Potts,, October 29, 1881

Folder 21: William H. Beard, November 1, 1881

Folder 22: Henry B. Wilson, December 27, 1881

Folder 23: Edmund M. Ballentine, January 24, 1882

Folder 24: Frank McCluney, February 7, 1882

Folder 25: William H. Beard, February 21, 1882

Folder 26: Gerald H. Beard, March 7, 1882

Folder 27: Edward L. Merrill, March 21, 1882

Folder 28: Frederica Beard, April 4, 1882

Folder 29: Jennie H. Allen, April 11, 1882

Folder 30: Grace H. Hyde, January 16, 1883

Folder 31: Frederica Beard, April 2, 1883

Folder 32: Frank E. Whitman, April 27, 1886

Folder 33: Charles P. Abbey, May 25, 1886

Folder 34: Mary P. Noble, June 22, 1886

Folder 35: Alice G. Hinchliffe, July 27, 1886

Folder 36: Mabel Rice, August 24, 1886

Folder 37: Alice G. Hinchliffe, September 28, 1886

Folder 38: Jennie C. Farr, Novmeber 30, 1886

Folder 39: Mary I. Lyman, December 21, 1886

Folder 40: Alice G. Hinchliffe, January 25, 1887

Folder 41: William W. Lloyd, February 2, 1887

Folder 42: Henry B. Wilson, December 12, 1887

Folder 43: Anna C. Marchant, December 20, 1887

Folder 44: Henry B. Wilson, May 22, 1888

Folder 45: Lillian F. Morgan, June 26, 1888

Folder 46: Gertrude M. Willcox, February 1, 1889

Folder 47: William W. Lloyd, March 19, 1889

Folder 48: Alfred L. Fitch, April 16, 1889

Folder 49: Mary P. Noble, June 1, 1889

Folder 50: Festus C. Cole, July 16, 1889

Folder 51: Walter M. Fitch, August 1, 1889

Folder 52: Harriet W. Wagner, September 17, 1889

Folder 53: Edmund M. Ballentine, October 15, 1889

Folder 54: Mary I. Lyman, November 19, 1889

Folder 55: Jessie C. Fitch, December 17, 1889

Folder 56: Mabel Rice, January 1, 1891

Folder 57: Amelia M. Fitch, April 18, 1893

Folder 58: Walter M. Fitch, October 18, 1896

Folder 59: George E. Newcomb, November 17, 1896

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Series 7: Presentation Papers, 1892-2010

Scope and Contents

Series 7: Presentation Papers dates from 1892-2010 and is only a sample of the many papers presented and written by Phi Sigma members at meetings. Some folders of presentations do not include the original paper but do include its supplemental materials.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 3	
Folder 60, undated	
Folder 61: Arthur L. Fanning, February 28, 1888	
General	
"History of the Leap Year Sleigh Ride held January 31, 1888"	
Folder 62: Jessie C. Fitch, January 22, 1889	
General	
"History of the Annual Social"	
Folder 63: Mary I. Lyman, January 21, 1890	
General	
"Report of the Annual Banquet"	
Folder 64: Arthur L. Fanning, May 1892	
General	
"Leo Tolstoi and His Work"	
Folder 65: Jennie F. Fanning, September 1, 1892	
General	
"The American Character"	
Folder 66: Marion A. Ely, December 1892	
General	
"The Bee"	
Folder 67: Jennie F. Fanning, September 1893	
General	
"Realism in French Art"	

Folder 68, December 18, 1894

General

"Florence"

Folder 69: Arthur L. Fanning, March 19, 1895

General

"Modern Civilization: Crusades, Monarchy and Centralization"

Folder 70: Lillian Morgan, May 21, 1895

General

"The City: Its Growth and Effect on Modern Civilization"

Folder 71: William W. Lloyd, November 17, 1896

General

"Geological Features of the Drainage Canal"

Folder 72: Clarence A. Willard, October 10, 1947

General

"On to Westward"

Folder 73: Tony Frystak, November 12, 1954

General

"Appropriation Powers"

Folder 74: Tony Frystak, October 12, 1962

General

"The European Common Market"

Folder 75: Robert Schauss, November 8, 1968

General

"The Changing Scene in Latin America: Our Responsibility and Our Challenge"

Folder 76: Rita and Robert Johnson, January 13, 1978

General

"Music"

Folder 77: Barbara Ryan, October 13, 1978

General

"Local Authors"

Folder 78: Betty Peaslee, January 12, 1979

General

"Edgar Rice Burroughs"

Folder 79: Tom Ferguson, March 9, 1979

General

"Black Chicago Writers"

Folder 80: Paul Oppenheim, February 13, 1981

General

"Transportation in the Future"

Folder 81: Tom Robinson, January 8, 1982

General

"William Faulkner (Creative Individual)"

Folder 82: Lee Brooke, February 11, 1983

General

"Megatrends: A Book Review"

Folder 83: Lyman and Anna Shepard, October 14, 1983

General

"Misia"

Folder 84: Barbara Ryan, April 13, 1984

General

"Oratory"

Folder 85: Lee Brooke, May 11, 1984

General

"My Golden Years for Dream Careers"

Folder 86: Don Peaslee, October 9, 1987

General

"Some American Originals"

Folder 87: Anna Shepard, January 8, 1988

General

"Isadora Duncan: American Original"

Folder 88: Paul Oppenheim, February 12, 1988

General

"Harry S. Truman: An American Original"

Folder 89: Peter Saecker, August 1988

General

"A Brief History of Time in the Hospital"

Folder 90: Lee Brooke, February 10, 1989

General

"Yesterday When I Was Younger: Oak Park and River Forest Oral History"

Folder 91: Beth Robinson, March 10, 1989

General

"Peculiar Freedom"

Folder 92: Herb Zobel, March 9, 1990

General

"The Great Escape"

Folder 93: Paul Oppenheim, November 9, 1990

General

"We Get Around?"

Folder 94: Marcy Kubat, 1991-2000

General

"The Phi Sigma Lectures"

Folder 95: Claudette and Herb Zobel, January 11, 1991

General

"Scorching at Home and Abroad: Bicycling in the 1890s and the 1990s"

Folder 96: Sandra Shimon, March 8, 1991

General

"The Road Less Travelled: Get your kicks on Route 66"

Folder 97: William Staszak, January 10, 1992

General

"The Discover of the Source of the Nile"

Folder 98: Peter Saecker, April 10, 1992

General

"Lewis and Clark"

Folder 99: Anna Shepard, January 8, 1993

General

"From Beirut to Jerusalem' by Thomas L. Friedman"

Folder 100: Anna Shepard, January 8, 1993

General

"The Life and Works of James L. Herriott"

Folder 101: Anna Shepard with Mary Louise Stefanic, January 14, 1994

General

"About Georgia O'Keefe"

Folder 102: Henry Kranz, February 11, 1994

General

"Red Brick Three Flat"

Folder 103: Anna Shepard, November 10, 1995

General

"Chez Picasso: A One-Act Drama"

Folder 104: Claudette Zobel, March 8, 1996

General

"Eleanor Roosevelt: No Ordinary Woman"

Folder 105: Bonnie Burns, October 11, 1996

General

"Mexico: Looking Backward from this Century"

Folder 106: William A. Cassin, November 8, 1996

General

"Leather Helmet, Goggles, and a Flowing White Silk Scarf"

Folder 107: Paul Oppenheim, January 10, 1997

General

"The Olympics A Century of Sagas"

Folder 108: Sonja B. Hall, March 19, 1997

General

"A Century of Studying the Brain"

Folder 109: Peter Lykos, October 10, 1997

General

"My Secret Desires"

Folder 110: Lyman Shepard, November 11, 1997

General

"Charles Rennie Mackintosh: Architecture in Chicago" supplemental material

Folder 111: Bill Furlong, January 9, 1998

General

"Building Bridges"

Folder 112: Paul Oppenheim, March 13, 1998

General

"The 1995 Peachtree Road Race"

Folder 113: Paul and Barbara Oppenheim, January 8, 1999

General

"Miracle Fabrics: Fabulous Polyester"

Folder 114: Pat Staszak, February 12, 1999

General

"Mysteries of the Sacred Center" supplemental material

Folder 115: Bill Browne, March 12, 1999

General

"California or Bust"

Folder 116: Peter Saecker, October 8, 1999

General

"The Millennium: Fact or Artifact?"

Folder 117: Henry Kranz, January 14, 2000

General

"The last Millennium: A Look Back"

Folder 118: Lee Brooke, February 10, 2000

General

"Books about Oak Park/River Forest: a slide presentation" supplemental materials

Folder 119: Stan Davis, January 12, 2001

General

"Ecumenism in Chicago" Supplemental Materials

Folder 120: Peter Lykos, February 9, 2001

General

"Fifty Years of Higher Education: A View From Within"

Folder 121: Peter and Beverly Conroy, October 12, 2001

General

"Changes in Education" supplemental material

Folder 122: Lyman Shepard, November 9, 2001

General

"Wright and the Oriental Influence" supplemental materials

Folder 123: Bill Furlong, February 8, 2002

General

"History of the Oak Park Conservatory"

Folder 124: Marcy Kubat, October 11, 2002

General

"The Presumptuous Life Choice of James Boswell"

Folder 125: Heinz Kuehn, January 10, 2003

General

"Hyphenated American"

Folder 126: Bonnie Burns, October 10, 2003

General

"199 Years Ago Today"

Folder 127: Lee Brooke, circa 2003

General

"A Brief History of Rock n' Roll"

Folder 128: Barbara Furlong, March 12, 2004

General

"Inside Progressive Government -- Outside Partisan Politics"

Folder 129: Don Peaslee, October 8, 2004

General

"Gypsies"

Folder 130: Lyman Shepard, January 14, 2005

General

"Cross Currents: Dynamics of Frank Lloyd Wright's Design" at Unity Temple (Oak Park, Illinois), supplemental materials

Box 4

Folder 1: Beth Robinson, November 11, 2005

General

"The Education Crisis in Illinois" supplemental material

Folder 2: Sunny Hall and Diane Stephenson, February 10, 2006

General

"Manga and Anime"

Folder 3: Peter Conroy, March 10, 2006

General

"The Name of the Game"

Folder 4: Peter Conroy, November 12, 2010

General

"French B(ay) D(ay)"

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Series 8: Writings ranges from the 1880s to the 2000s and contains various articles by members that cannot be traced to specific meetings, outings, or presentations.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 4	
Folder 5: Rhyme Verses, (circa 1880s)	
Folder 6: Rhyme Verses, (circa 2000s)	
Folder 7: G. A. Prevail "Freedom", undated	
Folder 8: Claudette Zobel "Quilts", undated	
Folder 9: Beth Robinson's published articles, 2003-2005	
Folder 10: Peter Lykos' notes "IPRO Program", 2005	

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Series 9: Camping Club dates from 1890-1891 and contains the documents and photographs from the group's two summer camping trips to Twin Lakes, Wisconsin.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 4	
Folder 11: "A History of Phi Sigma Class at Twin Lakes from July 1st to July 15th, 1890 by Mary Lyman, July 22, 1890	
Folder 12: Articles of Association, 1891	
Folder 13: Invitation, undated	

Box 5 [oversize]

Folder 1: Photograph, 1891

General

View of Twin Lakes, Wisconsin

Folder 2: Photograph, 1891

General

Commissary Department of Twin Lakes Wisconsin

Folder 3: Photograph, 1891

General

Campers at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin

Folder 4: Photograph, 1891

General

Southern View from hill

Folder 5: Photograph, 1891

General

South Slope of hill

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Series 10: May Outing/Party dates from 1923 to 2006 and contains the ephemeral programs, flyers, announcements, and records of annual May Outings or Parties.

Title/Description**Instances**

Box 4

Folder 15: Program, 1923

Folder 16: Program, 1939

Folder 17: Flyer, undated

Folder 18: Flyer, 1986

Folder 19: Finances, 1991

Folder 20: Photographs, 1993

Folder 21: Flyer and Menu, 1994

Folder 22: Invitation, 1995

Folder 23: Photographs and Agenda, 1996

Folder 24: Memorandum, 1997

Folder 25: Ballot and Agenda, 2002

Folder 26: May Party Newsletter, 2003, 2003

Folder 27: Graceland Cemetery, 2005

Folder 28: Flyer, 2006

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Series 11: Publicity, 1979-2006

Scope and Contents

Series 11: Publicity dates from 1979 to 2006 and consists of newspaper clippings and articles about Phi Sigma, its members, or authored by its members.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 4	
Folder 29: Articles, 1986-2005	
Folder 30: Articles featuring Phi Sigma members, (1924, 1979-2006)	
Folder 31: Articles authored by Phi Sigma members, 2001-2003	
Folder 32: Book Sponsorship for Lee Brooke and Marcy Kubat, (circa 2005)	

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Series 12: Financial, 1885-2000

Scope and Contents

Series 12: Financial dates from 1885 to 2000 with the bulk of its records ranging from 1963 to 2000. This series includes treasurer's records of invoices, bank statements, correspondence regarding financial matters, and membership dues.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 4	
Folder 33: Invoices, 1885-1898	
Folder 34: Invoices, 1967-1999	
Folder 35: Bank Statements, 1968-1975	
Folder 36: Bank Statements, 1975-1979	

Folder 37: Bank Statements, 1979-1985

Folder 38: Bank Statements, 1987-1994

Folder 39: Bank Statements, 1997-2000

Folder 40: Deposit Tickets, 1967-1997

Folder 41: Expenditures, 1963-2000

Folder 42: Record of Checks, 1969-1983

Folder 43: Record of Checks, 1983-1997

Folder 44: Receipt Book, 1968

Folder 45: Treasurer's Account Book, 1961-1963

Folder 46: Treasurer's Record, 1972-1990

Folder 47: Release/Renewal of Stop Payment, 1989

Folder 48: Correspondence, 1976-1997

Folder 49: Tax Files, 1999

Folder 50: Membership Dues,, 1967-1999

Folder 51: Budget reports, 1994-2000

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Series 13: Multimedia, 1989-1996

Scope and Contents

Series 13: Multimedia dates from 1898 to 1996 with some undated materials. Items include videos and audio cassettes of presentations at meetings and unidentified photographs.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 4	
Folder 52: Unidentified Photographs, undated	
Folder 53: Video tapes, (1994, 1996)	
General	
Anna Shepard "About Georgia O'Keefe" and William A. Cassin, "Leather Helmet, Goggles, and a Flowing White Silk Scarf"	
Folder 54: Audio cassettes, 1989-1994	
General	
Tom Robinson "Tomorrow," Robert Johnson "Future High," and Henry Kranz, "Red Brick Three Flat"	

Box 5 [oversize]

Item 1: Photo Album, (circa 1891-1893 and undated)

General

Contains portraits and group portraits of early Phi Sigma members; not all photographs have been identified

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Series 14: The Voice of Phi Sigma, 1879-2012**Scope and Contents**

Series 14: The Voice of Phi Sigma dates from 1879 to 2012. "The Voice" is a publication that initially was issued by Phi Sigma every two weeks. An editor was picked by the Chairman (later, the President) of the organization four weeks prior to the release of the issue. Topics covered in The Voice spanned many subjects such as History, English Language and Literature, Travel, Current Events, Philosophy, Religion, Inventions, etc. Many issues also include announcements about members and "squibs" sections that include jokes, riddles, word puzzles, and quotations. By 1900, the editions became an annual release.

Title/Description	Instances
Box 6	
Folder 1: Volume II, No. 3, November 25, 1879	
General	
Transcript	
Folder 2: Volume II, No. 3, November 25, 1879	
General	
Original	
Folder 3: Volume II, No. 4, December 9, 1879	
General	
Transcript	
Folder 4: Volume II, No. 4, December 9, 1879	
General	
Original	
Folder 5: Volume II, No. 5, January 13, 1880	
General	
Transcript	

Folder 6: Volume II, No. 5, January 13, 1880

General

Original

Folder 7: Volume II, No. 6, February 24, 1880

General

Transcript

Folder 8: Volume II, No. 6, February 24, 1880

General

Original

Folder 9: Volume II, No. 7, March 9, 1880

General

Transcript

Folder 10: Volume II, No. 7, March 9, 1880

General

Original

Folder 11: Volume II, No. 8, March 23, 1880

General

Transcript

Folder 12: Volume II, No. 8, March 23, 1880

General

Original

Folder 13: Volume II, No. 9, April 13, 1880

General

Transcript

Folder 14: Volume II, No. 9, April 13, 1880

General

Original

Folder 15: Volume II, No. 10, 1880

General

Transcript

Folder 16: Volume II, No. 10, 1880

General

Original

Folder 17: Volume II, No. 11, 1880

General

Transcript

Folder 18: Volume II, No. 11, 1880

General

Original

Box 7

Folder 1: Volume III, No. 1, October 26, 1880

General

Transcript

Folder 2: Volume III, No. 1, October 26, 1880

General

Original

Folder 3: Volume III, No. 2, November 9, 1880

General

Transcript

Folder 4: Volume III, No. 2, November 9, 1880

General

Original

Folder 5: Volume III, No. 3, November 23, 1880

General

Transcript

Folder 6: Volume III, No. 3, November 23, 1880

General

Original

Folder 7: Volume III, No. 4,, December 7, 1880

Folder 8: Volume III, No. 5, January 1881

Folder 9: Volume III, No. 6, 1881

Folder 10: Volume III, No. 7, February 15, 1881

General

Transcript

Folder 11: Volume III, No. 7, February 15, 1881

General

Original

Folder 12: Volume III, No. 8, March 1, 1881

Folder 13: Volume III, No., March 15, 1881

Box 8

Folder 1: Volume III, No. 10, March 27, 1881

General

Transcript

Folder 2: Volume III, No. 10, March 27, 1881

General

Original

Folder 3: Volume III, No. 13, May 10, 1881

General

Transcript

Folder 4: Volume III, No. 13, May 10, 1881

General

Original

Folder 5: Volume III, No. 14, May 24, 1881

General

Transcript

Folder 6: Volume III, No. 14, May 24, 1881

General

Original

Folder 7: Volume III, No. 15, June 7, 1881

Folder 8: Volume IV, No. 1, October 4, 1881

General

Transcript

Folder 9: Volume IV, No. 1, October 4, 1881

General

Original

Folder 10: Volume IV, No. 2, November 29, 1881

Folder 11: Volume IV, No. 3, January 24, 1882

Box 9

Folder 1: Volume IV, No. 4, March 7, 1882

Folder 2: Volume IV, No. 5, April 25, 1882

General

Partial transcript

Folder 3: Volume IV, No. 5, April 25, 1882

General

Original

Folder 4: Volume IV, No. 6, June 6, 1882

General

Transcript

Folder 5: Volume IV, No. 6, June 6, 1882

General

Original

Folder 6: Volume V, No. 1, January 16, 1883

Folder 7: Volume V, No. 2, April 10, 1883

Folder 8: Volume V, No. 4, September 18, 1883

Folder 9: Volume V, No. 5, November 27, 1883

Folder 10: Volume VI, No. 1, January 1884

Box 10

Folder 1: Volume VI, No. 2, March 1884

Folder 2: Volume VI, No. 3, May 13, 1884

Folder 3: Volume VI, No. 4, July 1884

Folder 4: Volume VI, No. 5, September 3, 1884

General

Partial transcript

Folder 5: Volume VI, No. 5, September 3, 1884

General

Original

Folder 6: Volume VI, No. 6, November 1884

Folder 7: Volume VII, No. 1, January 1885

Folder 8: Volume VII, No. 2, March 24, 1885

Folder 9: Volume VII, No. 3, May 1885

Folder 10: Volume VII, No. 4, July 28, 1885

Folder 11: Volume VII, No. 5, September 1885

Folder 12: Volume VIII, No. 2, March 1886

Box 11

Folder 1: Volume VIII, No. 4, July 23, 1886

Folder 2: Volume VIII, No. 5, September 28, 1886

Folder 3: Volume VIII, No. 6, November 1886

Folder 4: Volume IX, No. 1, February 22, 1887

Folder 5: Volume IX, No. 2, April 30, 1887

Folder 6: Volume IX, No. 3, 1887

Folder 7: Volume IX, No. 4, August 1887

Folder 8: Volume IX, No. 5, October 25, 1887

Folder 9: Volume IX, No. 6, December 20, 1887

Box 12

Folder 1: Volume X, No. 1, February 1888

Folder 2: Volume X, Nos. 2 3, 1888

Folder 3: Volume X, No. 4, August 1888

Folder 4: Volume X, No. 5, October 23, 1888

Folder 5: Volume X, No. 6, December 1888

Folder 6: Volume XI, No. 1, February 26, 1889

Folder 7: Volume XI, No. 2, April 1889

Folder 8: Volume XI, No. 4, 1889

Folder 9: Volume XI, No. 5, October 1889

Folder 10: Volume XI, No. 6, December 1889

Box 13

Folder 1, October 1890

Folder 2: Volume XII, No. 1, February 1890

Folder 3: Volume XII, No. 2, April 1890

Folder 4: Volume XII, No. 3, June 1890

Folder 5: Volume XII, No. 6, December 1890

Folder 6: Volume XIII, No. 1, February 17, 1891

Folder 7: Volume XIII, No. 2, 1891

Folder 8: Volume XIII, No. 3, July 1891

Folder 9: Volume XIII, No. 4, 1891

Folder 10: Volume XIV, No. 1, January 19, 1892

Folder 11: Volume XIV, No. 3, October 1892

Box 14

Folder 1: Volume XV, No. 2, April 1893

Folder 2: Volume XV, No. 3, November 21, 1893

Folder 3: Volume XVI, No. 1, April 18, 1894

Folder 4: Volume XVII, No.1, April 1895

Folder 5: Volume XVII, No. 2, September 1895

Folder 6: Volume XXI, No. 1, November 8, 1898

Folder 7: Volume XXI, No. 2, March 14, 1899

General

Transcript

Folder 8: Volume XXI, No. 2, March 14, 1899

General

Original

Folder 9: Volume XXIV, December 11, 1900

Folder 10: Volume XXV, December 10, 1901

Folder 11: Volume XXX, December 11, 1902

Folder 12, December 1907

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Folder 1, December 28, 1908

Folder 2: Volume XXXIV, January 1910

Folder 3, 1911

Folder 4, January 28, 1913

Folder 5, 1914

Folder 6, 1914

Folder 7, 1915

Folder 8, January 25, 1916

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Folder 1: Volume XXXIX, 1917

Folder 2: Volume XL, No. 1, January 28, 1919

Folder 3, January 20, 1921

Folder 4: All Star Number, January 19, 1922

Folder 5, 1922

Folder 6: The Soprano Voice: Women's Number, 1923

Box 17

Folder 1, January 17, 1924

Folder 2, 1925

Folder 3: Volume XLVII, January 3, 1926

Folder 4: Fiftieth Anniversary Number, 1928

General

Partial transcript

Folder 5: Fiftieth Anniversary Number, 1928

General

Original

Folder 6, April 17, 1929

Folder 7, January 16, 1930

Box 18

Folder 1, 1931

Folder 2: Stories and Poems selected from the writings of Dr. Walter May Fitch, November 19, 1931

Folder 3: Volume LV, April 20, 1933

Folder 4: The Voice of a Century, April 19, 1934

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Folder 7, 1977

Folder 8, 1978

Folder 9, 1980

Box 21

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