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Summary information

Repository:	Trinity University Special Collections and Archives
Title:	Sigma Theta Tau Collection
ID:	UA07.001
Date:	1956-2010 (date of creation)
Physical description:	9 linear feet (including 220 photographic prints, 212 negatives, and 404 slides)
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Sigma Theta Tau is a local sorority on the Trinity University campus in San Antonio, Texas. Founded in 1955 as the Kampus Kubs, the organization initially served as a two-year social and service club for sophomore and freshman women. In 1957, the Kampus Kubs expanded into a four-year club for women in all class years and adopted as its name the Greek letters Sigma Theta Tau--a designation that incorporated the concepts of σοφία, θάρρος, and τιμή in Greek, or “wisdom, courage, and honor.” Participation in the organization fluctuated in the 1960s with members graduating, marrying, or leaving Trinity to pursue their studies at other universities. In 1966, the smaller Kappa Psi Omega sorority, which faced similar recruitment and retention challenges, merged with Sigma Theta Tau to form one larger club. This new arrangement retained the name and traditions of Sigma Theta Tau, including the group’s blue, silver, and white colors and its signature star and white carnation (or later, rose) symbols. Today the sorority sponsors Trinity campus activities and service projects in the San Antonio community through its membership of over fifty women students.

Scope and content

This collection documents the traditions, administration, and club activities of the Sigma Theta Tau sorority from 1956 to 2010. Records comprise administrative files, meeting minutes, social event and service activity files, scrapbooks, awards, visual materials, and memorabilia. A small number of administrative documents, minutes, and booklets from the Trinity Sorority Council (TSC) are included among these files.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

The collection is organized into seven main series:

Series 1. Administrative Files, 1979-2008

Series 2. Minutes, 1976-1985

Series 3. Social Event and Service Activity Files, 1972-2005

Series 4. Awards, 2005-2008

Series 5. Memorabilia, 1963-2008

Series 6. Visual Materials, 1976-2007

Series 7. Scrapbooks, 1956-2010

Restrictions on access

Parts of this collection are open and available to the public for research in the Special Collections & Archives reading room. The materials are non-circulating. Access to some items in this collection may be restricted to past and current members of Sigma Theta Tau only.

Conditions governing use

The materials in this collection may be protected by copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code). The materials are available for personal, educational, and scholarly use. It is the responsibility of the researcher to locate and obtain permission from the copyright owner or his or her heirs for any other use, such as reproduction and publication.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Scrapbooks (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Minutes (documentary form)
- Memorabilia (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Greek letter societies--Texas. (subject)

Series descriptions

Series UA07.001-01: Administrative Files

Creator: Sigma Theta Tau

Date: 1979-2008, undated (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains Sigma Theta Tau president's notebooks, corresponding secretary's communications with members, copies of TSC constitutions and regulations, and other materials used in the governance of the sorority. Some items in this series are restricted to past and current members of Sigma Theta Tau.

Physical description: 1.6 linear feet

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Series UA07.001-02: Minutes

Creator: Sigma Theta Tau

Date: 1976-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Included in this series are meeting minutes from Sigma Theta Tau and TSC. Files are arranged by academic year.

Physical description: 14 folders

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Series UA07.001-03: Social Event and Service Activity Files

Creator: Sigma Theta Tau

Date: 1972-2005, undated (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series is comprised of materials relating to club activities such as rush, formal parties and casual mixers, and philanthropy. Included are planning and committee files, campus correspondence (news releases, memos, and other publicity), and original artwork and designs created by members for invitations and flyers.

Physical description: 13 folders

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Subseries UA07.001-03-03.01: Planning and Committee files

Creator: Sigma Theta Tau

Date: 1972-2005 (date of creation)

Physical description: 6 folders

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Subseries UA07.001-03-03.02: Campus Correspondence

Creator: Sigma Theta Tau

Date: 1975-1986 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Subseries UA07.001-03-03.03: Event Ephemera

Creator: Sigma Theta Tau

Date: 1974-1991, undated (date of creation)

Physical description: 6 folders

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Series UA07.001-04: Awards

Creator: Sigma Theta Tau

Date: 2005-2008 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Materials include certificates, plaques, and acrylic trophies awarded to Sigma Theta Tau by university sponsored organizations for academic achievement, service, and campus relations.

Physical description: 9 folders

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Series UA07.001-05: Memorabilia

Creator: Sigma Theta Tau

Date: 1963, undated (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Ribbons from 1963 Derby Day are found in this series and highlight the relays and winners of this event. Other memorabilia include templates used by the club to make posters and various signage.

Physical description: 2 folders

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Series UA07.001-06: Visual Materials

Date: 1976-2007, undated (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Composite photographs in this series document Sigma Theta Tau membership for a given year, while informal snapshots capture the club's rush events, traditional ceremonies, and various social activities.

Physical description: 9 folders (including 220 photographic prints, 212 negatives, and 404 slides)

<u>Publication status:</u> Published
File / item list
Series UA07.001-07: Scrapbooks <u>Creator:</u> Sigma Theta Tau <u>Date:</u> 1956-2010 (date of creation) <u>Scope and content:</u> Members of Sigma Theta Tau kept scrapbooks documenting their social and service activities throughout the year. This series contains the scrapbooks of Sigma Theta Tau, as well as those of its predecessor club, Kampus Kubs. <u>Physical description:</u> 5.5 linear feet (31 scrapbooks) <u>Publication status:</u> Published
File / item list