Finding Aid to the
Gamma Phi Beta Records

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority
Gamma Phi Beta Sorority records, 1929-1993
1.5 linear ft.

History Scope and Content Box and Folder List

OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

Gamma Phi Beta sorority started as Sigma Theta sorority in 1908 at Fargo College, Fargo, North Dakota. When Fargo College closed in 1922, two undergraduates from the sorority enrolled at North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC) and transferred the organization there. The group grew, and within 21 years had initiated 155 girls into sisterhood. In 1929 they petitioned for membership to the Gamma Phi Beta national sorority.

In 1930 they were initiated into the Gamma Phi Beta national organization. They continued to uphold their reputation as local fundraisers, as well as being active in campus activities and the community. In 1986, due to a decline in membership the Gamma Phi Betas sold their house to the YMCA, and purchased a smaller one.

This decline in numbers never picked up, and the Gamma Phi Beta sorority at NDSU dissolved in 1993. They sold off the majority of their property, allowing alumni to purchase what they wanted first, and then allowing the public to make purchases.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

This records consists of secretary's notes from the House Corporation Board Meetings, 1964-1993, and by-laws; correspondence files of letters sent to alumni, members and parents, as well as responses; and publications of the *Double Brown*, published by the NDSU Gamma Phi Betas, installation memorabilia, and rushing and student conduct rules. Included also is the scrapbook which was the petition to the National Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, along with two trophies won by the sorority in 1940 and 1941. In addition, the records include newspaper and magazine clippings, along with board duties and house regulations. There is also a file reserved for planning/agenda. A listing of members initiated from 1930-1984 is included and a financial file that deals with some house records and expenses. Finally, there is a photo of a model of a house.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box/Folder	Content
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1/3	House Corporation Board Meetings 1966-1968
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1/8	House Corporation Board Meetings 1991-1993
1/9	By-laws N.D.
1/10	Correspondence 1970-1993 (gaps), N.D.
1/11	Installation 1930
1/12	Rushing and student conduct rules 1929, N.D.
1/13	Publications 1983-1984
1/14	Clippings 1984-1987 (gaps)
1/15	Duties and regulations 1982-1983, N.D.
1/16	Planning/Agenda 1986
1/17	Financial 1980-1985 (gaps), N.D.

2/1 Photo, N.D.
2/2 Member list 1930-1984
2/3 Scrapbook-a petition to the National Gamma Phi Beta Sorority from Sigma Theta of NDSC 1929

Separations

2 trophies removed to the University Archives Artifacts

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