Finding Aid to the
Phi Upsilon Omicron Records

Phi Upsilon Omicron. Beta Chapter
Phi Upsilon Omicron, Beta Chapter, Records, 1915-2001
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HISTORY

Phi Upsilon Omicron Fraternity is today a national honor society in family and consumer sciences. However, it began in 1909 at the University of Minnesota as the Home Economics Club, with the intent of service, professional study and advancement of home economics. On May 17, 1911, the Home Economics Club was disbanded and Phi Upsilon Omicron came into being and the Alpha Chapter was legally incorporated on December 12, 1911.
The Beta Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron Fraternity had its beginnings at North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC) as a local sorority, Chi Gamma Psi. They originally organized in 1912, “with the purpose of promoting high scholarship and a more perfect fellowship and understanding between faculty and students.” (1914 Agassiz) In 1913 they petitioned the Alpha Chapter for a charter. Since nothing was heard from the Alpha Chapter, in the early fall of 1914, two members of Chi Gamma Psi took the train to Minneapolis-St. Paul to present their case for a charter in Phi Upsilon Omicron. A few weeks after returning to Fargo, they received the news that the charter had been granted and the Beta Chapter at NDAC was to be installed on November 14, 1914 in the parlor of the Annex Hotel (began the Gardner Hotel) consisting of twelve charter members. Within a few years, graduates of NDAC who were former members of Phi Upsilon Omicron began the Beta Alumnae Chapter. Although it was not formally organized until 1922, their activities date back to 1919.

In 1918, after receiving approval from the Board of Regents, the Beta Chapter rented a sorority house, four blocks from campus. In 1920 they bought a house on Twelfth Avenue (1414 12th Avenue North) and in 1926 they sold the house to Kappa Psi fraternity. The money from the sale was invested and by 1954 the funds were in excess of $5,000. The Phi U. Alumnae and Actives gave this money to furnish the Founder’s Room in the then new Home Economics building.

The purpose of Phi Upsilon Omicron is to “advance and upbuild [sic] the science of Home Economics and to further its development throughout the Nation: As a science it represents a comparatively new field of endeavor, but it is one which will surely become of utmost importance.” (1923 Agassiz)

SCOPE AND CONTENT

scrapbooks contain photographs, news clippings, member biographies, yearly activity programs, cards, correspondence, award and banquet programs and flyers, and special event programs. Some of the scrapbooks are in excellent shape while others are extremely brittle.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

BOX 1

1/1 Finding Aid

General Chapter Series (1918-1992)

1/2 Histories of the Beta Chapter - 1920, 1940, 1958, 1967, 1979, 1 n.d
1/3 Constitution - Rev., 1989
1/4 Bylaws of Beta Chapter - April 2, 1989
1/5 Articles of Incorporation of the Beta Chapter of the Phi Upsilon Omicron Fraternity - Agricultural College, North Dakota. April 24th, 1923
1/6 Phi Upsilon Omicron House - letter (copy) from President Ladd granting permission to “conduct a sorority house” - 1918; inventory - n.d.; 2nd Mortgage and sale of house responses & proxies - 1924, 1925; finances & receipts - 1922-1929;
Scroll - The Initiation Service - long version - n.d. (Oversized - Removed to Box 3)
Scroll - The Initiation Service - brief version - n.d. (Oversized - Removed to Box 3)
1/7 Procedures: installation of officers - 1982
1/9 Active Chapter Book - 1957-1958
1/10 Active Chapter Book - 1958-1959
1/11 Guest Book - White - 1960s & 1970s
1/12 Guest Book - Fabric - c. 1969-1970
1/15 Form Letters, invitation to apply, acceptance letter, stationery, membership certificate, sidekicks, aids to membership - 1991,1992
1/16 Active Members - Newsletters - 1924-1942
1/17 Articles submitted from Beta Chapter to the Candle - 1970s
1/18 Community Service Award materials - 1987-1991
1/19 Professional Project - Beta Chapter - “Communications - The C.H.E. Key” - 1992
Meeting Minutes (1918-1987)

1/20 Secretary’s Book - Active - Meeting Minutes - 1918-1923
Secretary’s Book - Active - Meeting Minutes - 1923-1924 [Oversized - Removed to Box 3]
1/21 Meeting Minutes - Active - Spiral Notebook - April, 1949 - March, 1950
1/22 Recording Secretary’s Book - Active - Meeting Minutes - September, 1981 - May, 1987


1/23 Bound Account Book - 1920-1945
1/24 Bound Account Book - 1948-1983
1/28 Treasurer Reports - 1979-1989
1/29 Audit - 1985-86
1/30 Bank Statements - 1987-1992
1/31 Ledger - Blue cover - 1988-1990
1/32 Ledger - Red Cover - 1990-1991

Correspondence (1923-1958)

1/33 Correspondence - Chapter Presidents - 1924-1957 (gaps)
1/34 Correspondence - Chapter Vice Presidents - 1951, 1952
1/35 Correspondence - Members - 1930s, 1950s
1/36 Correspondence - Ruth Bruegger - President, Beta Alumnae - 1957
1/37 Correspondence - Emily Reynolds - 1951-1954
1/38 Correspondence - Business - 1923-1930
1/39 Correspondence - 50th Anniversary - 1958
1/40 Correspondence - General - 1940s-1950s

Beta Alumnae (1923-1957)

1/41 Alumnae - Constitutions & Bylaws - Phi Upsilon Omicron - n.d.
1/42 Beta Alumnae - Minutes - December 1919 - May 1928
1/43 Beta Alumnae - Minutes - June 1928 - January 1934
1/44 Beta Alumnae - Minutes - 1952-1987 [gaps]
1/45 Beta Alumnae - Minutes - 1995-1999 [gaps]
1/46 Beta Alumnae - Executive Committee Minutes - 2000
BOX 1A

1A/1 Beta Alumnae - Financial Statements, Reports, Receipts, Correspondence - 1923-1935 [gaps]
1A/6 Beta Alumnae - Alba Bales Scholarship Winners - 1959-60, 1984-85
1A/7 Beta Alumnae - Descriptive Ratings - 1937-1951, 1953
1A/8 Beta Alumnae - Annual Report - 1924-1928, 1934-1953 [gaps]
1A/9 Alumnae Chapter Book - 1932-1933
1A/10 Alumnae Chapter Book - 1936-1937
1A/11 Alumnae Annual Report - 1940
1A/12 Alumnae Annual Report - 1941
1A/13 Alumnae Annual Report - 1942
1A/14 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1942-1943
1A/15 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1943-1944
1A/16 Alumnae Chapter Book - 1945-1946
1A/17 Alumnae Chapter Book - 1946-1947
1A/18 Alumnae Chapter Book - 1947-1948
1A/19 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1948-1949
1A/20 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1949-1950
1A/21 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1950-1951
1A/22 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1951-1952
1A/23 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1952-1953
1A/24 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1953-1954
1A/25 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1954-1955
1A/26 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1955-1956
1A/27 Alumnae Chapter Book & Annual Report - 1957
1A/28 Beta Alumnae - Deactivation of Chapter - November 2000

Initiate and Member Records (1915-1987)

1A/29 Initiates - 1925 - 1956 (box 3)
1A/30 Initiate Album - Beige with gold lettering - April, 1957 - November, 1982
  Account with Members who graduated 1920s-1960s (Inner Box A)

BOX 2

Membership Cards - Professional Work - 1915-1931 [gaps]; Charter
Members addresses, Honorary Members list, Alphabetical listing of past members with current address and name changes - information updated as of 1958; Membership and Addresses - Initiation dates: 1968, 1970-1979 (Inner Box B)

2/1 Membership - 1980
2/2 Membership - 1981
2/3 Membership – 1982
2/4 Membership - 1984
2/5 Membership - 1985
2/6 Membership - 1986
2/7 Membership – 1987

National Related (1920-1980s)

2/8 National Conclaves - 1920, 1921, 1922, 1924, 1936, 1938
2/9 National Conclaves - 1940, 1942, 1948, 1951, 1952
2/10 National Conclave - Fargo - June 1958; June 1998
2/11 Phi Upsilon Omicron, A History 1909-1944
2/12 Ten Women of Vision in Home Economics - Gamma Alumni Chapter, Ohio State, c.1986

Record Album - 78 rpm - “Cavalcade of America” - parts 3 and 6 - March 15, 1948 (Oversized - Removed to Box 3)

Phonograph Records - 33 1/3 rpm - Phi Upsilon Omicron Songs - sung by Kappa Chapter - c. 1962 [2 copies] - cost $3.70 each (Oversized - Removed to Box 3)

BOX 3 – Scrapbooks (1919-1943)

3/1 No Title or cover - Scrapbook - 1919-1926 - news clippings, photos (Lake party, 1925, 1926; Phi U Formal, American Legion Hall, 1925; Phi Upsilon Omicron Chapter House, n.d.; Ceres Hall, n.d.; Campus View - Engineering buildings, n.d.; Aerial, n.d.; H.S. track meet at Dacotah Field, n.d.

3/2 Scrapbook - “Beta Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron 1928” - loose beige pages - 1) Beta Phi Upsilon Omicron Alumnae, 2) Beta of Phi Upsilon Omicron Actives, 3) Honorary Members, 4) Scrap Book - North Dakota Agricultural College Campus Views (Chemistry Building, House - Wesley College School of Religion, Administration Building, Main Gates, Library, Practice House, Dairy Building, Veterinary Building, Engineering Buildings, Agricultural Buildings, Engineering Building, Frances Hall Extension Department, Science Hall [Side View], Science Hall [Front View], Music Hall, Chemistry Building, Experimental Plots.

3/3 “Phi U Scraps” - green covered felt material - Photos and information on members, newspaper clippings - Class of 1930, Class of 1931, Class of 1932, Class of 1933

3/4 Phi Upsilon Omicron - Scrapbook - 1934-1935 - News clippings, Graduating Seniors 1935 (photos, bios, activities during school and after graduation)

3/5 Black Loose-leaf - materials in Mylar enclosures - Beta Chapter of Phi
Upsilon Omicron - History Book - Dates 1935-1939 - news items, Graduating Seniors 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 [handwritten] (photos, bios, activities during school and after graduation), photos of Ceres and Practice House

3/6 Album (tan/green - 9 x 6) - “Beta - Phi U” - The History Of - 1939-1940 - news clippings, Graduating Seniors 1940 (photos, bios, activities during school)

3/7 Scrapbook - tan with red left border - History of Beta Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron - 1940-1941 - The Years Activities, News Items 1940-41; Phi U District Conference, Graduating Seniors 1941 (photos, bios, activities during school and after graduation)

3/8 Scrapbook - black cover - History of Beta Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron - 1941-1942 (Irene Josephson-Historian, Genevieve Hamilton-Assistant) - Yearly Program of Activities, Newsletter, 1942; News Items 1941-42; Graduating Seniors 1942 (photos, bios, activities after school)

3/9 Scrapbook - History of Beta Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron - 1942-1943 (Genevieve Hamilton—Historian, Bette Eckre—Acting Historian, & Janet Petersen—Assistant) - Scrapbook - Newsletter, 1943; News Items 1942-43; Graduating Seniors 1943 (photos, bios, activities during school and after graduation)

BOX 4 - Scrapbooks (1944-1966)

4/1 Scrapbook - beige with word scrapbook centered in gold - History 1944-'45 - photos, invitations, events, Graduating Seniors 1945 (bios, photos, school activities, occupation)


4/3 Scrapbook - [10 inches x 6½] - 1948-49 photos, clippings, events - Graduating Seniors 1949 (photos, bios, school activities, plans for the future)

4/4 Scrapbook - [10 inches x 6½] - 1949-50 photos, clippings, events - Graduating Seniors 1950 (photos, bios, school activities)

4/5 Scrapbook - [10 inches x 6½] - 1950-51 photos, clippings, events - Graduating Seniors 1951 (photos, bios, school activities)

4/6 Scrapbook - brown cover - [10 inches x 6½] - 1951-52 photos, clippings, events - Graduating Seniors 1952 (photos, bios, school activities)

4/7 Scrapbook - maroon - 1956-57 - year activities, news clippings, programs, Graduating Seniors 1957 (photos, bios, school activities, and future plans)

4/8 Scrapbook - Blue with gold lettering - 1957-58 - news clippings, programs, Graduating Seniors 1958 (photos, bios, school activities)

4/9 Scrapbook - red with scrapbook in gold - 1960-1961 - news clippings, programs, cards, correspondence


BOX 5 - Scrapbooks (1967-1990)

5/1 Scrapbook - Beige with gold lettering - 1966-67 - Seniors (bios, photos, school activities)
5/2 Scrapbook - 1969-1971 - red cover - articles, photos, mitten party, national conclave, programs, clippings
5/3 Scrapbook - 1972-1982 - Beige with gouges cover - program for the year, National Conclave, Gift to NDSU, awards, banquets, photos, cards, programs
5/4 Scrapbook - Phi U - blue - “This scrapbook is a bit of this & a tad of that of yesteryear & recent past. It is a collection of programs, reports, Phi U events from 1976 - 1984. There are also some older clippings & reports that seemed to belong in a scrapbook …. So enjoy!! Jan Ljungren 1984-85 Phi Upsilon Omicron Historian
5/5 Scrapbook - Violet Fabric with Phi-U 85-86 stitched on cover - photos, program for the year, community project, Founder’s Day, professional project
5/6 Scrapbook - 1987-1990 - red cover - program for the year, photos, chatter party, Founder’s Day Banquet, Family Appreciation Day, National Conclave (Ohio State), fundraiser, Little I, NDSU Centennial

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