Finding Aid to the
Sigma Alpha Iota Records

Sigma Alpha Iota - Omicron Chapter & Alumnae Chapter
Sigma Alpha Iota, Omicron & Alumnae Chapters, records, 1938-2005; [Bulk: 1945-2004]
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OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) was founded on June 12, 1903 at the University School of Music, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Omicron Chapter at North Dakota Agricultural College was chartered on March 26, 1920. The Fargo-Moorhead Alumnae Chapter was chartered on May 21, 1950. It should be noted that although the Alumnae Chapter did not formalize until 1950, as early as January 1943 an alumnae group had been formed, meetings held, and minutes taken.

The Mission of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity is to encourage, nurture and support the art of music. The purpose of SAI is to form Chapters of women college students and alumnae who have a sincere interest in music; to uphold the highest standards of music; to further the development of music
in America and throughout the world; to give inspiration and encouragement to members; to organize the
cultural life of Sigma Alpha Iota members as a contributing factor to their educational growth, to support
the ideals and goals of the member's Alma Mater, and to adhere to the highest standards of citizenship in
school, community and fraternity. (Excerpted from the Sigma Alpha Iota website: http://www.sai-
national.org/)

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records are predominately from the Fargo-Moorhead Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota.
The Alumnae Meeting Minutes from 1943 through the early 1990s are fairly complete and provide a
good overview of the discussions, committees, finances, and Chapter direction on a monthly basis. The
Alumnae President’s Reports from the early 1950s through the early 2000s present a yearly record of the
goals, aims, and objectives for the Chapter during years. The Yearbook Series from 1948-1949 through
the mid-2000s also gives a glimpse into the activities and programs the chapter presented and sponsored.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

BOX 1

1/1 Finding Aid

History/Informational Material
1/2 History – National – 1903-1957
1/3 History – Omicron Chapter/Alumnae Chapter – 1920-1964; photocopy of Alumnae
installation certificate – May 21, 1950
1/4 Information Brochure – Fall 1970

Constitution/By-Laws

Manuals
1/6 Pledge Manual of Sigma Alpha Iota – 3rd edition 1944
1/7 The Sigma Alpha Iota Manual for Alumnae Chapters - 1982

Meeting Minutes (Alumnae)
1/8 Minutes – January 27, 1943 – February 14, 1945
1/9 Minute Book – May 9, 1945 – April 20, 1955
1/10 Minutes – 1955-1956 – 1959-1960 (includes some national objectives and member lists)
1/17 Minutes – August 1991 – May 1997 [gaps]

Reports
1/18 Alumnae President’s Reports – 1951, 1953-1959
1/19 Alumnae President’s Reports – 1960-1969
1/20 Alumnae President’s Reports – 1970-1979
1/21 Alumnae President’s Reports – 1980-1990
1/22 Alumnae President’s Reports – 1991-1996
1/23 Alumnae President’s Reports – 1996-2000, 2002-2004


Correspondence
1/25 Correspondence – general notes/thank you notes – 1986-2000
1/26 Correspondence – scholarships – 1988, 1991
1/27 Correspondence – requests for affiliation – 1992-1993

Yearbooks
1/28 Yearbook – Omicron Chapter - 1948-1949
1/29 Yearbook – Omicron Chapter – 1949-1950
1/30 Yearbook – Omicron Chapter/Alumnae Chapter – 1957-1958
1/31 Yearbook – Omicron Chapter/Alumnae Chapter – 1958-1959
1/32 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1960-1961
1/33 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1961-1962
1/34 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1964-1965
1/35 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1966-1967
1/36 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1968-1969
1/37 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1969-1970
1/38 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1970-1971
1/39 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1971-1972
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1/47 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1979-1980
1/49 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1981-1982
1/50 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1982-1983
1/51 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1983-1984
1/52  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1984-1985  
1/53  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1985-1986  
1/54  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1986-1987  
1/56  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1988-1989  
1/57  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1989-1990  
1/58  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1990-1991  
1/60  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1992-1993  
1/61  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1993-1994  
1/63  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1996-1997  
1/64  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1997-1998  
1/65  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1998-1999  
1/67  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 2001-2002  
1/68  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 2002-2003  
1/69  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 2003-2004  
1/70  Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 2004-2005  

Breakfasts  
1/71  May Breakfasts – Programs – 1988, 1989  

Membership  
1/74  Officers and members – Alumnae Chapter - 1950-1955  
1/75  Officers – Alumnae Chapter - 1956-1996  
1/76  Member initiated by Omicron Chapter – n.d.  
1/77  Honorary Member certificate, Omicron Chapter, Marguerite L. Beard, November 10, 1932  
1/78  Honorary Members – National – Fall 1970  

Activities  
1/82  Programs – 1980s/1990s  

Awards  
Conventions
1/85 National Convention – Chicago, IL – August 1968
1/86 National Convention – Kansas City, MO – August 1974
1/87 National Convention – Dallas, TX – August 1978
1/89 National Convention – Dearborn, MI – July/August 2003

Songbooks
1/90 Sigma Alpha Iota – Song Book – 1944; Songs of Sigma Alpha Iota – Centennial Supplement – 1903-2003

Publications (National)
1/91 Pan Pipes (publication of SAI Philanthropies) – 2003

Photos
1/92 Photos c. 1980s – miscellaneous, majority unidentified - unprocessed

BOX 2

Original Compositions (Omicron & Alumnae Chapters)
2/1 Original Omicron Compositions – Title Listings
2/2 Original Omicron Compositions (title listing order)
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BOX 3 - Scrapbook
Sigma Alpha Iota, Omicron Chapter – Scrapbook, 1938-c.1941 (wood cover – fair/good condition) – received by University Archives in February 1996

BOX 4 - Scrapbook
Sigma Alpha Iota, Omicron Chapter – Scrapbook, c. 1952-1960 (red cardboard stock cover – poor/fair condition) – received by University Archives on August 28, 1987

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