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## 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

1/5 Alumnae Chapter - By-Laws – adopted 1950, revisions: 1993, 2003, 2004

#### Manuals

1/6 Pledge Manual of Sigma Alpha Iota – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

1/11 Minutes – 1960-1961 – 1964-1965 (includes some national objectives and member lists)

1/12 Minutes – 1966-1967 – 1969-1970 (includes some national objectives and member lists)

1/13 Minutes – 1970-1971 – 1974-1975 (includes some national objectives and member lists)

1/14 Minutes – 1975-1976 – 1979-1980

- 1/15 Minutes – 1980-1981 – 1984-1985
- 1/16 Minutes – 1985-1986 – 1989-1990
- 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
  
- 1/24 Sigma Alpha Iota Foundation 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report – 1947-1962

**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
- 1/40 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1972-1973
- 1/41 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1973-1974
- 1/42 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1974-1975
- 1/43 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1975-1976
- 1/44 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1976-1977
- 1/45 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1977-1978
- 1/46 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1978-1979
- 1/47 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1979-1980
- 1/48 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1980-1981
- 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
- 1/55 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1987-1988
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- 1/57 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1989-1990
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- 1/59 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1991-1992
- 1/60 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1992-1993
- 1/61 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1993-1994
- 1/62 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1994-1995
- 1/63 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1996-1997
- 1/64 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1997-1998
- 1/65 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1998-1999
- 1/66 Yearbook – Alumnae Chapter – 1999-2000
- 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
- 1/72 May Breakfasts – Programs – 1991-1997
- 1/73 May Breakfasts – Programs – 2000, 2003, 2004

### **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
- 1/79 Honorary Members – National – 1986, 1987

### **Activities**

- 1/80 Province Days – Programs/Activities - 1985, 1987, 1995, 1996, 1998
- 1/81 Province Days – Ideal Guide – n.d.
- 1/82 Programs – 1980s/1990s
- 1/83 “Sing, Sing a Song” [song book for the elderly project] – lyric book, accompanist book, clippings, sales, meetings – 1988

### **Awards**

- 1/84 Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award – 1972-1973, 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1995-1996, 1996-1997; Service Project Winner, Category II - 1997

**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
- 1/88 National Convention – Phoenix, AZ – July 1987
- 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)
- 2/3 Original Omicron Compositions (title listing order)
- 2/4 Original Omicron Compositions (title listing order)
- 2/5 Original Omicron Compositions (title listing order)
- 2/6 Original Omicron Compositions (title listing order)
- 2/7 Original Omicron Compositions (title listing order)

**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