# Greek Life Organizations (AR201, FF005) Finding Aid



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#### **Greek Life Organizations**

#### **Descriptive Summary**

Title: Greek Life Organizations

Creator: various

Dates: ca. 1870 – present

Extent: 8 containers, 2.5 linear ft.

Language(s): English

Repository: Monmouth College Archives, Monmouth, Illinois

Abstract: This is a collection of documents from Monmouth College's fraternity and sororities. These documents include, but are not limited to, newspaper/magazine/journal/internet articles, pictures, fliers, correspondences, programs, pledging guides, rosters, publications, etc. The fraternities Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Chi, and the sorority Delta Kappa have each been moved to their own separate collections due to the large amounts of material about them. For the purposes of this collection, 'Greek Life Organization' is defined as social organizations with academic and philanthropic ideals. This is not to be confused with 'Greek Letter Honor Societies' which are usually based on specific topics of study, year in school, and/or high academic achievement. ('Greek Letter Honor Societies' is its own collection.)

### **Administrative Information**

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#### Historical/Biographical Background

This collection includes evidence pertaining to Greek Life at Monmouth College. Greek Life, being defined as both fraternities and sororities, has existed at Monmouth College for over 140 years and has founded two national sororities, Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma. Despite being forced off campus (or in some cases continuing to operate underground) in 1885 (due to a national anti-Greek Life movement and a large donation to the college with the stipulation of ending Greek Life), by the 1920s Greek Life had resurrected itself. As local fraternities and sororities pursued national recognitions, they petitioned to join existing national fraternities or, in some cases, made themselves national. Within these boxes exists the assemblage of Monmouth College Greek Life, from its beginnings to its current existence, and ranging from philanthropy, to social events, to scholarships.

#### **Container List**

This collection contains both fraternities and sororities; listed in alphabetical order. There are 8 boxes in this collection, 5 in the Archives and 3 housed in the flat files.

<u>Box</u> 1	<u>Folder</u> General/Miscellaneous	<u>Contents</u> Newspaper/magazine articles pertaining more than one Greek Life Organization.
	History of Fraternities and Sororities	Newspaper/magazine articles and booklets of the histories of more than one organization.
	Alpha Beta Gamma	Documents.
<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u> Alpha Tau Omega	<u>Contents</u> Pictures. Newspaper/magazine/internet articles on

philanthropy and scholarship. Original correspondences. Rosters. Event fliers.

Alpha Tau Omega -

**Publications** 

*The Palm*: 1959, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1967.

no folder

Alumni Directory: 1982

2 Alpha Xi Delta

Picture negatives. Pictures. History of Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta: 1903 – 1968 (copy and original). Fliers, newspaper/magazine/internet articles on philanthropy, housing, and scholarship.

History of Beta Epsilon's re-installment.

Beta Kappa Composites

Composite pictures from 1922 to 1932.

Beta Kappa

Correspondences

Postcards and letters to brothers.

Beta Kappa – Folder 1

Newspaper clippings on athletics, scholarship, and awards. Beta Kappa Journal on Pi chapter. Copies

of Beta Kappa from the yearbook.

Beta Kappa – Folder 2

Pictures. Program from river trip. Newspaper clippings. Installation banquet program. Various banquet/social invitations and programs. Hunting

tags.

Beta Kappa – House

Newspaper articles on the Beta Kappa house.

Beta Kappa – Record Book

Two books.

Beta Kappa/Theta Chi

Pictures. Newspaper articles. Faculty story memo.

Merger - 1942

(See also Theta Chi Collection.)

<u>Box</u>

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**Folder** 

**Contents** 

Beta Theta Pi

Copy of history.

Delta Omega Gamma

Flier. Courier article.

Delta Tau Delta List of past and present fraternities and sororities

at Monmouth College as of 1977. Rosters. Letter.

Delta Upsilon Record book.

The Greek Times Greek Life based journal, 1990.

Greek Week Invitations. Banquet programs. Schedules.

Inter-Fraternity Council Newspaper articles. Letters/memorandums.

The Trojan Horse newsletter.

Kappa Kappa Gamma

- Folder 1

Fliers. Newspaper articles. Correspondences.

Stewart House programs/articles.

Role sheets: 1973-1993.

Kappa Kappa Gamma

- Folder 2

Invitations. Letter/programs/articles

on reinstallation. Newspaper articles.

Fliers.

4 Kappa Kappa Gamma

**Publications** 

Constitution and Rules (1932).

The Key (1934, 1941, 1970, 1977).

News from the Founder's Home (1995-1999).

Order of Omega Pamphlets. Fliers. Correspondences.

Charter, Constitution, Recommendation forms.

Panhellenic Council Invitations. Newspaper articles. Pamphlets.

Phi Alpha Article. Sigma Alpha Epsilon petition.

(See also Sigma Alpha Epsilon)

Box Folder Contents

Phi Alpha Sigma Constitution.

Phi Delta Sigma Picture. (See also Alpha Xi Delta)

Phi Delta Theta Letters. Internet/Courier articles. Fliers. Installation

Banquet program.

Phi Epsilon Phi "Affiliate Manual"

Phi Gamma Delta History (book/journal pages and internet articles)

Phi Kappa Pi "A Brief History" pamphlet. Newspaper articles.

Reinstallation letter (1922). The Citadel of Phi Kappa Phi (1941). From Phi Kappa Phi to Alpha Tau Omega booklet. (See also Alpha Tau Omega

and Phi Kappa Psi).

Phi Kappa Psi History (copies). Alumni Rosters. (See also Phi

Kappa Psi).

Phi Sigma Alpha Banquet Pamphlets (1916). "Phi Sigma Alpha to

Tau Kappa Epsilon" booklet (1928). (See also FF005 .008 and the Tau Kappa Epsilon Collection).

5 Pi Beta Phi Pamphlets/articles on Holt house. Newspaper/

internet articles on scholarship and philanthropy.

Roster.

Pi Beta Phi – The Arrow The Arrow (1995-1996).

Pi Beta Phi –

Pledge Guide (Local)

Local Pledge Manual (1993).

Pi Beta Phi – Pi Phi Forever booklet.

Pledge Guide

Box Folder Contents

Pi Rho Phi Local recognition petition. (See also Sigma Phi

Epsilon collections).

Sigma Alpha Epsilon	Letter to alumni (1975). (See also Phi Alpha).
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Sigma Chi History (copies).

Xi Gamma Delta Local recognition petition. Newspaper articles.

Invitations. Songs.

Zeta Beta Tau Invitations. Newspaper articles. Correspondences

on charter acceptance. Rosters. GPA lists. Fliers.

6 (FF005.006) Theta Epsilon Omega Bible.

Swanson Kappa Kappa Gamma Scrapbook.

7 (FF005.007) Beta Kappa scrapbook.

8 (FF005.008) Composite portrait of Phi Sigma Alpha.