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## Guide to the Panhellenic Council Records, 1922-2001

### Title

Panhellenic Council Records (RG 056)

### Dates

1922-2001 (inclusive)  
1926-1993 (bulk)

### Creator

Oregon State University. Panhellenic Council.

### Summary

The Panhellenic Council Records document the origins, administration, and activities of sororities at Oregon State University.

### Quantity

1.45 cubic feet (3 boxes, including 1 oversize box) and 1 microfilm reel (5.25 linear feet)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Historical Note

Delta Mu was the first sorority to be formed at Oregon Agricultural College in January 23, 1915. Two other sorority chapters, Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Chi, were formed later that year. The Women's Interfraternity Council was formed in 1917 and renamed the Panhellenic in 1919. Composed of representatives from the sorority chapters on the Oregon State University campus Panhellenic is the governing body of the sorority chapters and is responsible for providing support to the chapters. The Panhellenic Council is a national organization of collegiate sororities.

## Arrangement

Due to differences in series designation between the paper and microfilmed records in this group, the paper and microfilmed records are described separately in the inventory.

The paper records are arranged into eight series: I. Minutes; II. Constitutions; III. Publications; IV. Newspapers Clippings; V. Ephemera; VI. Honors and Awards; VII. Scrapbooks; VIII. Posters

The microfilmed records are arranged into six series: Series 1. Minutes; Series 2. Constitution; Series 3. Handbooks; Series 4. Correspondence; Series 5. Programs; and Series 6. Ephemera.

## Content Description

Series I contains the minutes of the Executive Council. The microfilmed records also contain minutes of the Panhellenic Council. Series II contains constitutions from 1922 and 1937. Series III contains publications created by Panhellenic. A large portion of the series consists of *Rush Handbooks* from 1924 to 1996. Handbooks that were published between the years 1948-1996 have illustrations of sorority insignias, photographs of sorority houses on campus, and photographs that capture the activities of each sorority chapter. The series also contains a newsletter entitled the *Thermometer* which describes the activities in 1978-1979.

Series IV contains a newspaper clipping about the first time Oregon State University held the Panhellenic Conference for the Pacific Northwest region. Series V contains ephemera related to the sororities, including a list of sorority chapters and their dates of origins on campus, a Panhellenic National Conference Manual of Information dated 1958, and a handout of sorority guidelines for rushing. Series VI contains honors and awards that the council have received from various groups including; the Panhellenic Conference, Western Regional Greek Conference, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Series VII consists of two scrapbook leaves and one full scrapbook with photographs of and original artwork by the executive council members of Panhellenic. The scrapbooks also include photographs and original artwork documenting the social activities of each sorority chapter during the 1980s. Series VIII consists of posters that promote rushing during the 1980-1982 academic years.

The microfilmed records date from 1957-1960. Series 1, consists of Executive Council meeting minutes for 1958-1960. Series 2 contains the 1957 constitution of the organization. Series 3 contains the Rush Chairman Handbook and the Counselor's and Delegate Handbook. Series 4 contains correspondence for the years 1958-1960. Series 5 contains programs for the 1959 spring retreat. Series 6 includes a cost sheet for Oregon State College sororities, a document from the Dean of Women's office recording the high school GPA of women entering as freshmen, spring rush rules, a 1958 spring retreat program, and a list of sororities for fall term 1958.

## Preferred Citation

Panhellenic Council Records (RG 56), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Related Material

Other records pertaining to the Panhellenic Council and sororities at OSU can be found in the Student Affairs (RG 102) and Dean of Women (RG 57) Records as well as the Memorabilia Collection. Sorority Rush Handbooks for 1923-1958 are available on microfilm in the Publications Group 10-24c. Additional photographs are available in the Student Affairs Photographs(P 182).

**Subjects**

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

**Organizations****Topics**

Greek letter societies--Oregon--Corvallis.

Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

Women--Education (Higher)--Oregon--Corvallis.

**Forms of Materials in the Collection**

Photographs.

Scrapbooks.

**Other Creators**

Oregon State Agricultural College. Panhellenic Council.

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**Titles Within the Collection**

*Rush handbook.*

## Series Outline

Series I. Minutes, 1969-1992

Series II. Constitutions, 1922-1937

Series III. Publications, 1924-1996

Series IV. Newspaper Clippings, 1963

Series V. Ephemera, 1958-1971

Series VI. Honors and Awards, 1967-2001

Series VII. Scrapbooks, 1981-1989

Series VIII. Posters, 1981-1982

Microfilmed Records, 1957-1960

Series 1. Minutes, 1958-1960

Series 2. Constitution, 1957

Series 3. Handbooks, 1957-1958

Series 4. Correspondence, 1958-1960

Series 5. Programs, 1959

Series 6. Ephemera, 1958-1959

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Box

#### Series I. Minutes, 1969-1992

- 1 1969-1975
- 1 1976-1982
- 1 1983-1992

### Box

#### 1 Series II. Constitutions, 1922-1937

### Box

#### Series III. Publications, 1924-1996

Sorority Rush Handbooks, 1924-1996

Unbound issues, 1926-1993 (2 folders)

1 1926-1969

1 1970-1993

Bound issues, 1924-1982

1 1924-1969

1 1968

1 1971-1982

- 1 Thermometer Newsletter, 1978-1979

### Box

#### 1 Series IV. Newspaper Clippings, 1963

### Box

#### 1 Series V. Ephemera, 1958-1971

### Box

#### Series VI. Honors and Awards, 1967-2001

- 1 Certificates, 1967-2000
- Plaques, 1978-2001

### Box

- 1 1978-1995
- 2 1995-2001

**Box**

3 **Series VII. Scrapbooks, 1981-1989 (apx. 20 x 24 in.)**

**Box**

3 **Series VIII. Posters, 1981-1982 (apx. 20 x 24 in.)**

**Reel**

**Microfilmed Records, 1957-1960**

- 1 Series 1. Minutes, 1958-1960
- 1 Series 2. Constitution, 1957
- 1 Series 3. Handbooks, 1957-1958
- 1 Series 4. Correspondence, 1958-1960
- 1 Series 5. Programs, 1959
- 1 Series 6. Ephemera, 1958-1959