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## Guide to the Sigma Delta Chi Oregon State Chapter Records, 1921-1965

### Title

Sigma Delta Chi Oregon State Chapter Records (MSS SigmaDeltaChi)

### Dates

1921-1965 (inclusive)  
1921-1935 (bulk)

### Creator

Sigma Delta Chi. Oregon State Chapter.

### Summary

The Sigma Delta Chi Oregon State Chapter Records document the membership and activities of the student chapter of the national professional fraternity in journalism, which was established at Oregon State University in 1920. The records include correspondence, membership rosters, reports, publications, and a constitution.

### Quantity

0.3 cubic foot (1 box)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Historical Note

The Oregon State Chapter of the Sigma Delta Chi national professional fraternity in journalism was established in December 1920 to promote and encourage professional ideals and stimulate high standards of scholarship. Members were selected based on scholarship, leadership, and a commitment to enter the journalism profession after graduation.

## Content Description

The Sigma Delta Chi Oregon State Chapter Records document the membership and activities of the student chapter of the national professional fraternity in journalism, primarily for the 1920s and 1930s. The records include correspondence, membership rosters, reports, publications, and a constitution. Much of the correspondence pertains to the establishment of the chapter in 1920 and membership management. The correspondence also documents an annual competition for high school yearbooks (annuals) sponsored by the chapter, the Sigma Delta Chi scholarship award, and activities of the national organization. The reports provide information about members, chapter finances, and meeting speakers and topics. The collection also includes reports from the national secretary distributed at the 1931 national convention. The publications include a compilation, *Selections from "Smudge from the Pot"*, of poems and humor originally published in the campus newspaper.

## Preferred Citation

Sigma Delta Chi Oregon State Chapter Records, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Acquisition Information

These materials were transferred from Student Media in 2009.

## Related Material

Photographs of the members and activities of Sigma Delta Chi during the 1930s are part of the [Journalism Department Photographs \(P 208\)](#) and correspondence pertaining to the founding of the chapter is available in the [Journalism Department Records \(RG 091\)](#). The [Memorabilia Collection](#) (MC-Sigma Delta Chi) includes a 1926 pamphlet prepared by Sigma Delta Chi, *Getting Out an Effective High School Annual*. The records of the Oregon State chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, the women's journalism professional society are also held by the Archives as well as the papers of several journalism faculty and alumni: Ted Carlson, [Hope Chamberlin](#), and [Fred M. Shideler](#).

## 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

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.  
Oregon Agricultural College. Dept. of Industrial Journalism.  
Oregon State College--Students.  
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## Topics

Clubs--Oregon--Corvallis.  
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Journalism--Study and teaching (Higher)--Oregon.  
Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

## Other Creators

Sigma Delta Chi.