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UA12 Student Affairs

Series 2 Student Activities, Organizations & Leadership Office

Series 84 Sigma Chi

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Administrative History:

Founded: 1855 Miami University (Ohio)

Chapter: Zeta Mu

Installation: Dec. 11, 1965

Motto: In Hoc Signo Vincas (In This Sign You Shall Conquer)

Symbol: White Cross

Sigma Phi Alpha founded by Don Gerard, Hayward Joiner, Bill Strode & Allen Fryrear in East Hall, March 17, 1958. They along with 17 other charter members procured a lodge on the Barren River to hold functions in. There have been over 200 members of Sigma Phi Alpha up through 1964. In fall 1964 the group petitioned Sigma Chi for national recognition. The Zeta Mu Chapter was officially installed on Dec. 11, 1965.

Description: Records created by and about Sigma Phi Alpha fraternity and it's forerunner Sigma Chi.

Dates: 1961-present

Extent: .5 cu. ft., oversize

Subject Analytics:

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Title	UA12 Student Affairs	
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Scope & Content	Subseries 84 Sigma Chi	
	WKU Archives	
	Records created by and about Sigma Phi Alpha fraternity and it's forerunner Sigma Chi.	

Container List

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Box 1	1	Sigma Chi	1961-1969	Constitution
Description	By-laws of Epsilon Tau Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity (Murray State University), 11/27/1961 Constitution, nd Chapter By-laws of Sigma Chi, 5/30/1969			Subjects Fraternities & sororities Constitutions
Box 1	2	Sigma Chi	1963-1965	Correspondence
Description	Alpha Tau Omega Bringham, William Carpenter, James Cissell, Charles Delta Kappa Nu Dugan, Michael Flener, Charlie Ford, Bob Fraternity houses Guillaume, Rick Hornback, Ted Lawson, Owen McLallen, Richard Miller, Christine Murray State University Owsley, Mike Peterson, John Roberson, Don Sagabiel, John Salyers, Bob Sigma Chi Sigma Nu Sigma Phi Alpha Sigma Phi Epsilon Thompson, Kelly Wade, Harry Woosley, Leon Yoder, Fred			Subjects Fraternities & sororities Correspondence Christmas cards Fund raising Houses Initiation rites Meetings Parties

Box 1	3	Sigma Chi	1966-1967	Correspondence
Description	Bowling Green. City Planner Brewer, Norman Bringham, William Chapman, John Downing, Dero Fraternity houses Gerard, Don Haman, William Harman, J. Lewie, Jr. Herrick, John Keown, Michael Lawson, Owen Mahoney, William Minton Hall (WKU) Mitchell, Bill Orendorf, Jo aka Top Potter Children's Home Sagabiel, John aka Jack Sanders, Howard Sigma Chi Day Thompson, Kelly Van Corbach, bob Walden, Larry White, Robert Zoning			Subjects Fraternities & sororities Correspondence Christmas cards Charitable organizations Initiation rites Houses Residential facilities

Box 1	4	Sigma Chi	1968-1969	Correspondence
Description	America's Best Atkinson, Andrew Baker, Floyd Bringham, William Carpenter, Floyd Carter, Reed Chapman, John Cissell, Charles Collins, Mike Conrey, Tom Cook, Joe Easton, Mark Fraternity house Gibson, Dee Herrick, John Hoskins, Charlie House, Stephen Humbert, Brian Karem, George Lee, John Mullins, Vera Sagabiel, John Simione, Bill Stagg, Stanley Taylor, J.T. Yoder, Fred			Subjects Fraternities & sororities Correspondence Beauty queens Boycotts Community service Debt Houses Homecomings Parties

Box 1	5	Sigma Chi	1970-1971	Correspondence
Description	America's Best Bringham, William			Subjects Fraternities & sororities Correspondence

Cole, Mazie
 Collins, Mike
 Graham, John
 Humbert, Brian
 Initiation rites
 Jones, H.W. aka Bill
 Meadors, William aka Yogi
 Montgomery Bell Inn
 Morgan, Reed
 Rush
 Sagabiel, John
 Smith, Thomas
 Tennessee. Department of Conservation
 Walden, Bob
 Wilder, Jerry
 Yoder, Fred

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Box 1 6 Sigma Chi 1972-1973 Correspondence

Description	Berry, Larry Bringham, William Clark, H.B. Goldwater, Barry Harrison, Bill Hillier, Charles Interfraternity Council (WKU) Kendrick, George Louden, Woody Merrick, Bruce Montgomery Bill Inn Morgan, Reed Policinski, Mark Roberts, Clark Rush Sigma Chi Derby Tomblinson, Mike Tuckey, Jeff	Subjects	Fraternities & sororities Correspondence Alcoholic beverages Debt Politicians Receptions Vandalism
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Box 1 7 Sigma Chi 1976-1979 Correspondence

Description	Alpha Gamma Rho Alpha Kappa Psi Alpha Phi Alpha Anderson, Robert Bringham, William Burrell, Tom Chapman, Randy Cole, Harned & Broderick Delta Tau Delta Fall Creek Falls State Park Fraternity houses Hargrove, Jamie Interfraternity Council (WKU) Kappa Alpha Kappa Alpha Psi Kappa Sigma Keown, Charles Lambda Chi Alpha Martin, Joe McCann, Mike McDonald, Keith Michels, Douglas	Subjects	Fraternities & sororities Correspondence Alcoholic beverages Debt Houses Residential facilities Parties Vandalism
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Minton, John
Morgan, Lynn
Morris, Keith
Omega Psi Phi
Phi Beta Sigma
Phi Delta Theta
Pi Kappa Phi
Sawin, Scott
Self, John
Shockley, ?
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Chi
Sigma Chi Derby
Sigma Nu
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Sutton, Skip
Taylor, Scott
Tennessee. Department of Conservation
WKU Spring 1978 Academic Standing

Box 1 8 Sigma Chi 1980-1983 Correspondence

Description	1215 College Street Abe Service Company Bowling Green. Building Inspector Bowling Green. Zoning Administrator Cantelou, Dexter Dillard, Bob Fleming, Darrell Fraternity houses Gibson, Kerry Greenwood Mall Guns Keown, Charles Lawson, Owen Peake, Chris Pearce-Ford Tower (WKU) Pickell, Randy Save Our Old Neighborhood Sigma Nu. Neighbor Relations Program Sisler, Steve Stewart, Charles Straney, Mark Taylor, Scott Thomas, Mark Wendy's 10K Classic White, Bart White, Jeff Whitfield, Cheryl Wright, Rick Zacharias, Donald	Subjects	Fraternities & sororities Correspondence Charitable organizations Firearms Houses Fund raising Real property Marathons Philanthropy Vandalism Weapons
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Box 1 9 Sigma Chi 1984-1988 Correspondence

Description	Allen, Gordon Bowling Green-Warren County Community Education Board Broaddus, Clay Brooks, Troy Cantelou, Dexter College Heights Herald Cook Paul Cook, Louis	Subjects	Fraternities & sororities Correspondence Beauty contests Debt Initiation rites Parties
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Cox, Michael
 Daigre, Colin
 Dillard, Bob
 Dining Services (WKU)
 Gibson, Dee
 Gibson, Kerry
 Interfraternity Council (WKU)
 Lang, David
 Lawson, Owen
 Meehan, Mary
 Miller, Frank
 Miller, John
 Murray, Jock
 Panhellenic Council (WKU)
 Recommendations of the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board re: Sigma Chi, 1/24/1984
 Rush
 Sigma Chi Derby
 Sneed, David
 Stripp, Gregory
 Takacs, David
 Taylor, Scott
 Tucker, Tim

Box 1	10	Sigma Chi	1965-1988	Events	
Description	Applications for Approval of Social Functions Easter Egg Hunt 4/9/1971 First Annual Kentucky Province Workshop, 3/26/1977 Installation Banquet of Zeta Mu Chapter, 12/11/1965 Open Houses Pledge Dance 1/13/1968 Rush Sigma Chi Derby, 1984, 1988 Sigma Chi Pledges Happy Hour, 12/8/1982 Sigma Phi Alpha Spring Formal, 5/1/1965			Subjects	Fraternities & sororities Calendars Dance parties Initiation rites Invitations Programs Receptions
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Description	1414 College Street Board of Zoning Adjustment. Application for a Special Exception Permit, 9/5/1966 Damages in Sigma Chi House ca. 1973			Subjects	Fraternities & sororities Houses Residential facilities Real property
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Description	Meeting Minutes, 1972-1973 Sigma Phi Alpha Pledgeship Meetings 1963			Subjects	Fraternities & sororities Meetings Initiation rites
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Description	F13 1963-1968 F14 1970-1979 F15 1980-1989 Grades 1981-1983 Pledge Evaluation ca. 1986 Pledge Rules, 1967			Subjects	Fraternities & sororities Initiation rites

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Box 1	16	Sigma Chi	1964-1967	Publications	
Description	A Summary of the Sigma Chi Membership Question, 11/1967 Alumni Newsletter, 2/1967 D8386 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/617 Colleges Must Bar Bias in Fraternities, LCJ, 6/18/1965 Commissioner Francis Keppel Steps Into the Social Quicksand, LCJ, 6/25/1965 Dear Alumni Brother, 1966 D8385 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/616 Dear Brother Alumnus, 10/8/1967 D8388 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/619 Dear Brother Alumnus, 12/5/1967 D8389 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/620 Hobson House to Be Restored, np, 5/7/1968 Pulling for Sigma Chi, PCDN, 10/13/1965 Riverview Sigma Chi Pledges, PCDN, 11/15/1965 Sigma Phi Alpha Fraternity Petitions the Sigma Chi Fraternity, 1965 Sigma Phi Alpha Petitioning Sigma Chi, Fall 1964 Turner, Wallace. Colleges Watching Pledging Practices, LCJ, 6/20/1965 Turner, Wallace. No Negroes Ever: Sigma Chi Head, Nashville Tennessean, 6/19/1965 Welcome to the Hilltop, 1964 Western Chapter of Sigma Chi Receives Charter, PCDN, 6/1965 Western Sig, Fall 1967 D8387 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/618 Western Sigma Chi Colony Goes National, PCDN, 12/12/1965 Zeta Mu Bulletin, No. 1, No. 66-1, 1/31/1966 D8383 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/614 Zeta Mu Bulletin, No. 1, No. 66-2, 4/19/1966 D8384 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/615 Zeta Mu Spring Newsletter, 4/10/1968 D8390 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/621			Subjects	Fraternities & sororities African Americans Blacks Discrimination Integration Maps Segregation Clippings
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Box 1	18	Sigma Chi	1982-1989	Publications	
Description	Homecoming Parade Float, np, ca. 1985 Rush Letter, 4/8/1982 Rush Review, 6/1985 D8394 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/625 Song sheet 1982 The Magazine of Sigma Chi, Vol. 108, No. 3, 11/1989 You'll Find It Here . . . Sigma Chi Fraternity Zeta Mu Review, 9/1983 D8393 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/624			Subjects	Fraternities & sororities Initiation rites Homecomings Floats (Parades) Clippings
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Description	M. Reed Morgan Award Application, 1986, 1988-1989 Most Improved Fraternity Award, 4/13/1989 Visitation Reports 1988			Subjects	Fraternities & sororities
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Description	Sig Times '78, Vol. I, 1/1978 D8380 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/611 Sig Times '78, Vol. II, 3/1978 D8381 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/612 Sig Times '78, Vol. III, 6/1978 D8382 https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/613			Subjects	Fraternities & sororities