

Whitman College Delta Delta Delta records, 1923-2005

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Delta Delta Delta. Theta Omicron Chapter (Walla Walla, Wash.)
Title	Whitman College Delta Delta Delta records
Dates	1923-2005 (inclusive) 1923 2005
Quantity	12.75 linear feet, (6 boxes)
Collection Number	WCA020
Summary	The Delta Delta Delta collection details the history of the Whitman College Theta Omicron chapter of the national sorority, which operated on campus from 1923 to 2005. Contains scrapbooks, photographs, academic files, and administrative records of a Whitman College sorority.
Repository	Whitman College and Northwest Archives Whitman College and Northwest Archives Penrose Library, Room 130 345 Boyer Avenue Walla Walla, WA 99362 Telephone: 509-527-5922 Fax: 509-526-4785 archives@whitman.edu
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The first chapter of Delta Delta Delta was founded in 1888 at Boston University. In 1919, the Sigma Gamma local sorority was founded at Whitman College and granted a charter by the faculty overseers. The group sent a petition to the National Council of Delta Delta Delta in 1922 to become chartered. Whitman's Theta Omicron chapter was installed on January 20, 1923 as the 62nd chapter of the fraternity. In May 2005, the Executive Office of Delta Delta Delta withdrew the charter of the Theta Omicron Chapter because of consistent and continuing low membership. The Delta Delta Delta chapter room has functioned as the Spirituality room since then.

Content Description

The Delta Delta Delta collection holds extensive social, and organizational records of the sorority. This includes of scrapbooks, photographs, memorabilia, publications and official reports held by the Theta Omicron chapter.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Collection is open for use.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated to the archives by Kris Berry in August 2005.

Detailed Description of the Collection

1: Chapter and Pledge Class Scrapbooks, 1923-2003

Scrapbooks document sorority functions and the activities of Tri Delta members through photographs, newspaper clippings, and ephemera.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
7	1	Accreditation files	2004-2005
7	2	Correspondence	1985-2005
7	3-5	Dance and event programs	1920-1949
7	6	Financial records	1995-1996
7	7	Leadership and scholarship materials	1980-1990
7	8	Meeting minutes	1964-1967
7	9	Membership Recruitment Binder	2004
7	12	Newspaper articles	1963-1984
7	10	New Member Education	undated
7	11	New Member Educator Notebook	2004-2005

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7 14	Officer reports	1995-1997
7 23	Pledge events	undated
7 24	Pledge manuals	1943-1995
7 25	Pledge materials	2004
7 26	Policies	2002
7 27	Publications	1994-1997
7 28	Social events	1957-2005
7 13	Officer notebook: Vice President	2004-2005
7 29-33	Songbooks	1925-1985

2: Administrative Files, 1989-2005

Administrative files, most of which were created in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, contain records concerning topics such as membership recruitment, education of new members, policies, and planning for programs.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1	Scrapbook	1923-1932
1	Scrapbook	1933-1943
1	Scrapbook	1944-1952
1	Scrapbook	1953-1962
1	Scrapbook	1963-1972
2	Scrapbook	1923-1934
2	Scrapbook	1936-1940

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2	Scrapbook	1939-1941
2	Scrapbook	circa 1944
2	Scrapbook	1946-1947
2	Scrapbook	1947
2	Scrapbook	circa 1949
2	Scrapbook	circa 1950
2	Scrapbook	circa 1954
2	Scrapbook	circa 1954
3	Scrapbook	1946
3	Scrapbook	1947-1948
3	Scrapbook	circa 1950
3	Scrapbook	circa 1950-1951
3	Scrapbook	circa 1952
3	Scrapbook	circa 1953
3	Scrapbook	circa 1953-1954
3	Scrapbook	circa 1955
3	Scrapbook	1955-1956
3	Scrapbook	1956
4	Scrapbook	1956-1957
4	Scrapbook	1957-1958
4	Scrapbook	1970-1971

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4	Scrapbook	1980
4	Scrapbook	1981
4	Scrapbook	1987
4	Scrapbook	1991-1992
4	Scrapbook	1995-1996
4	Scrapbook	2000-2001
5	Scrapbook	1982
5	Scrapbook	1982
5	Scrapbook	1984
5	Scrapbook	1990
5	Scrapbook	1992-1993
5	Scrapbook	1993-1994
5	Scrapbook	1994-1995
5	Scrapbook	1997
5	Scrapbook	2002
5	Scrapbook	2003
6	Scrapbook	1976
6	Scrapbook	1976
6	Scrapbook	1977
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6	Scrapbook	1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6	Scrapbook	1978
6	Scrapbook	1978
6	Scrapbook	1979
6	Scrapbook	1979
6	Scrapbook	1982
8	Scrapbook	1953
8	Scrapbook	1991
6	Scrapbook	1930

3: Photographs, 1930-2005

This series contains candid photographs of sorority members from the 1930s to the 1990s, and composite portraits from the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
7	15-22 Photographs	1930-1990
Folder	Object	
	Photographs: Oversize composites	1978-2005

4: Memorabilia, 1985-1998

This series contains memorabilia items created by the sorority, primarily to commemorate events and dances.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Object	
9	3 Glass: Masquerade Ball fall formal	1998

Container(s)	Description	Dates
9 5	Glass: Two-Lip Tango, spring formal	1997
9 4	Glass: Moonlight Masquerade, spring formal	1990 April 7
9 1	Boxer shorts: Pledge dance	1985
Object		
1	Wooden paddle	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Greek letter societies--Washington (state)--Walla Walla
 Women college students--Washington (state)--Walla Walla
 Women--Education (higher)--Washington (state)--Walla Walla

Corporate Names :

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