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THE PHI BETA KAPPA RECORDS, 1960-1995

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Phi Beta Kappa
Title	Phi Beta Kappa records
Collection Identifier	MSP 87
Date Span	1960-1995, predominant 1970-1980
Abstract	Records of Phi Beta Kappa, Zeta of Indiana (Purdue University) Chapter; includes by-laws, correspondence, meeting minutes, form letters, lists of faculty members and visiting scholars and miscellaneous material.
Extent	2 cubic feet (2 cubic foot boxes)
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Administrative Information

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Subjects and Genres

Organizations
Phi Beta Kappa. Zeta of Indiana (Purdue University)

Topics
Phi Beta Kappa. Zeta of Indiana (Purdue University)
Purdue University—Students

Form and Genre Types
Records

Biography of Phi Beta Kappa

Five students at the College of William and Mary founded Phi Beta Kappa in 1776, during the American Revolution. For over two and a quarter centuries, the Society has embraced the principles of freedom of inquiry and liberty of thought and expression. Laptops have replaced quill pens, but these ideas, symbolized on Phi Beta Kappa's distinctive gold key, still lay the foundations of personal freedom, scientific inquiry, liberty of conscience and creative endeavor.

Phi Beta Kappa celebrates and advocates excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Its campus chapters invite for induction the most outstanding arts and sciences students at America's leading colleges and universities. The Society sponsors activities to advance these studies — the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences — in higher education and in society at large.

Only about 10 percent of the nation's institutions of higher learning have Phi Beta Kappa chapters. Only about 10 percent of the arts and sciences graduates of these distinguished institutions are selected for Phi Beta Kappa membership. The ideal Phi Beta Kappan has demonstrated intellectual integrity, tolerance for other views, and a broad range of academic interests. Each year, about one college senior in a hundred, nationwide, is invited to join Phi Beta Kappa. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa shows commitment to the liberal arts and sciences, and to freedom of inquiry and expression — and it provides a competitive edge in the marketplace. Potential employers regularly contact the national office of Phi Beta Kappa to confirm the membership of job seekers who have listed Phi Beta Kappa among their credentials.

ΦBK are the Greek initials of the motto "Love of learning is the guide of life."
The Purdue University chapter was established February 23, 1971. It was designated the Zeta of Indiana Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The charter was signed by Rosemary Park, president and Carl Billman, secretary.

Source(s):
Retrieved January 14, 2010 from http://www.pbk.org/home/index.aspx and information taken from Purdue's charter.

Collection Description

Scope

The Phi Beta Kappa records (1960-1995; 2 cubic feet) document the planning stages of the Phi Beta Kappa, Zeta of Indiana (Purdue University) Chapter, along with records from the 1970s and 1980s. The records include a few documents from the early 1990s. The one document from 1995, *The Greek Vine*, is unrelated to Phi Beta Kappa, but it was provided with the original records. Types of materials include: correspondence, faculty member lists, form letters, initiation information, lectures, meeting information, miscellaneous material and photographs. The original order of the records was maintained and most are in chronological order.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

Whenever possible, original order of the materials has been retained. All photographs have been housed in polyester sleeves. The collection is housed in acid-free boxes.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Phi Beta Kappa records, 1960-1973

(1 cubic foot)

Box 1 *Correspondence, Faculty Member Lists, Form Letters, Initiation Information, Lectures, Meeting Information, Miscellaneous Material and Photographs*

Folder

1. Phi Beta Kappa stationery, circa 1960s
2. Phi Beta Kappa, pre 1960
3. Phi Beta Kappa, 1960-1961
4. Phi Beta Kappa, 1963
5. Phi Beta Kappa, 1964
6. Phi Beta Kappa, 1965
7. Phi Beta Kappa, 1967
8. Phi Beta Kappa "General Report," 1968 [contained in black binder]
9. Phi Beta Kappa, 1968
10. Phi Beta Kappa, 1969
11. Phi Beta Kappa "Miscellaneous," 1970
12. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1970 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
13. Phi Beta Kappa formation of Purdue Chapter, 1970
14. Phi Beta Kappa faculty members, Purdue Chapter, 1970
15. Phi Beta Kappa "Election of Members-In-Course," 1970
16. Phi Beta Kappa correspondence, 1970
17. Phi Beta Kappa Installation, January – February, 1971 [also includes meetings, correspondence and miscellaneous item]
18. Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholars, 1971
19. Phi Beta Kappa "Miscellaneous," 1971
20. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1971 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
21. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1971
22. Phi Beta Kappa faculty members, Purdue Chapter, 1971
23. Phi Beta Kappa "Election of Members-In-Course," 1971
24. Phi Beta Kappa correspondence, 1971
25. Phi Beta Kappa "form letters," 1971-1972
26. Phi Beta Kappa Installation Day, 1971 [includes 5 new member handbooks and Installation Day programs]
27. Phi Beta Kappa, Professor Robert Nisbet visit and talk, November 2, 1971 [includes photographs]
28. Phi Beta Kappa, 2nd class initiation, May 12, 1971 [includes newspaper clippings]
29. Phi Beta Kappa, Patricia Albjerg Graham talk, May 10, 1972 [three copies of the talk manuscript]
30. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1972 [includes newspaper clippings]
31. Phi Beta Kappa By-laws, 1973 [final, approved version, 7 copies]

32. Phi Beta Kappa, John Higham lecture. February 6, 1973 [includes newspaper clippings]
33. Phi Beta Kappa, Installation Day photographs, February 23, 1971

Phi Beta Kappa records, 1972-1995

(1 cubic foot)

Box 2 *Correspondence, Faculty Member Lists, Form Letters, Initiation Information, Lectures, Meeting Information, Miscellaneous Material and Photographs*

Folder

1. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1972 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
2. Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar, 1972
3. Phi Beta Kappa "Miscellaneous," 1972
4. Phi Beta Kappa correspondence, 1972
5. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1972
6. Phi Beta Kappa faculty members, Purdue Chapter, 1972
7. Phi Beta Kappa "Election of Members-In-Course," 1972
8. Phi Beta Kappa Alumni and Honorary Members, 1972
9. Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar, 1973
10. Phi Beta Kappa "Miscellaneous," 1973
11. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1973 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
12. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1973
13. Phi Beta Kappa faculty members, Purdue Chapter, 1973
14. Phi Beta Kappa "Election of Members-In-Course," 1973
15. Phi Beta Kappa correspondence, 1973
16. Phi Beta Kappa Alumni and Honorary Members, 1973
17. Phi Beta Kappa "Miscellaneous," 1974
18. Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar, 1974
19. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1974
20. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1974 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
21. Phi Beta Kappa faculty members, Purdue Chapter, 1974
22. Phi Beta Kappa "Election of Members-In-Course," 1974
23. Phi Beta Kappa (Barbour ?) Initiation Lecture, April 10, 1974 [on magnetic tape, 7" reel]
24. Phi Beta Kappa Alumni and Honorary Members, 1975
25. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1975 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
26. Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar, 1975
27. Phi Beta Kappa correspondence, 1975
28. Phi Beta Kappa "Election of Members-In-Course," 1975
29. Phi Beta Kappa "Miscellaneous," 1975

30. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1975
31. Phi Beta Kappa Sonneborn Initiation Lecture, April 10, 1975 [on magnetic tape, 7" reel]
32. Phi Beta Kappa faculty members, Purdue Chapter, 1976
33. Phi Beta Kappa Alumni and Honorary Members, 1976
34. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1976 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
35. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1976
36. Phi Beta Kappa faculty members, Purdue Chapter, 1977
37. Phi Beta Kappa "Election of Members-In-Course," 1977
38. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1977 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
39. Phi Beta Kappa Alumni and Honorary Members, 1977
40. Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar, 1977
41. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1977
42. Phi Beta Kappa Senator Richard M. Lugar Initiation Lecture, April 13, 1977 [on magnetic tape, 7" reel]
43. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1978
44. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1978 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
45. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1979
46. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1979 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
47. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1980
48. Phi Beta Kappa Lecture, April 9, 1980 [on magnetic tape, 7" reel]
49. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1980 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
50. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1981
51. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1981 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
52. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1982 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
53. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1982
54. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1983
55. Phi Beta Kappa Meetings, 1984 [calendars, agendas, minutes and other miscellaneous material]
56. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1984
57. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation – Master Copy, 1980
58. Phi Beta Kappa Constitution II By-Laws, Purdue Chapter, circa 1980s
59. Phi Beta Kappa Bulletin 34th Triennial Council Meeting, 1985
60. Phi Beta Kappa Initiation, 1988
61. Phi Beta Kappa Student Reception, Student Representative, 1990-1991
62. Phi Beta Kappa Banquet and Initiation, 1991
63. Copy of *The Greek Vine*, 1995