

**Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha
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Summary Information

Repository	Shorefront Legacy Center
Title	Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1986-1987
Date [inclusive]	1942-1997
Extent	0.25 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the first intercollegiate, African-American fraternal organization for men, was formed at Cornell in 1906 to promote and defend African-American civil rights. The Zeta Xi Lambda chapter was formed in Evanston, Illinois in 1956. The Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Collection spans from 1942 to 1997 and contains information relating to the chartering of the chapter, By-Laws, membership, and photographs.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Formed to promote, defend, and educate the African-Americans and give voice to their struggle, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University by seven undergraduates known as the "The Seven Jewels." It was also the first African-American intercollegiate fraternity for men. The Zeta Xi Lambda chapter was chartered in Evanston, Illinois in 1956.

Scope and Contents note

The Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Collection is arranged into four series: "History," "Membership," "Correspondence," and "Photographs." The collection spans from 1942-1997, but the bulk of the material is from 1986-1987, and the material primarily reflects the clubs' membership and meetings from this time. New additions to the collection spans 1950-1970.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Processing Information note

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority records, Shorefront Legacy Center; Social and Civic Clubs and Organizations collection, Shorefront Legacy Center

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- African American fraternal organizations
 - African Americans--Illinois--Evanston.
 - Alpha Phi Alpha--History
 - Civil rights.
 - Evanston (Ill.)--History.
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Cited Sources

“Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity: Brief Background,” last modified April 13, 2006, <http://rnc.library.cornell.edu/alpha/>

Series I: History,

Collection Inventory**Series I: History, undated****Scope and Contents note**

This series contains material related to the chartering of the Zeta Xi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

	Box	Folder
Local Chapter History, undated	1	1
Alpha Newsletter, 1967	1	1.1
The Sphinx, June 1931	1	1.2
The Sphinx, October 1931	1	1.3
The Sphinx, May 1932	1	1.4

Series II: Membership, 1967-1987**Scope and Contents note**

“Membership” is comprised of member biography sheets, meeting minutes, and pledging information.

	Box	Folder
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Series III: Correspondence,

Zeta Xi Lambda Chapter By-Laws, 1967	1	2
Pledging Information, 1986-1987	1	3
Members, circa 1986	1	4
Members, circa 1950	1	4.1
Info Sheets, 1956-1960	1	4.2
Zeta Xi Lambda Minutes, 1984-1987	1	5
Agendas and Reports, 1965-1967	1	5.1
Spring and Summer Formals, 1965-1967	1	5.2
23 Annual Convention Ad Book, 1952	1	5.3
Series III: Correspondence, 1986-1987		
Scope and Contents note		
This series contains correspondence and corporate mailings, including newsletters.		
	Box	Folder
Corporate Mailings, 1986-1987	1	6
Correspondence/ Stationary, 1987	1	7

Series IV: Photographs,

Stationary, 1960	1	7.1
General Letters, 1966-1967	1	7.2
Letters to Northwestern, 1967	1	7.3
Reinstatement Letters/Northwestern, 1956-1957	1	7.4
Misc. receipts, 1957, 1965	1	7.5

Series IV: Photographs, 1942, undated**Scope and Contents note**

This series contains photographs of members of the Zeta Xi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

	Box	Folder
Founding Members, 1942	1	8
Zeta Xi Lambda Members, undated	1	9
Founding Members (Alpha Mu/Northwestern?), Undated	1	10

Series V: Restricted, undated**Box****Folder**

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Scope and Contents note

Series V: Restricted,

This series contains photographs of members of the Zeta Xi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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Ceremonial, 1953	1	Z