Pi Nu Epsilon Collection

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository: Shippensburg University Archives & Special Collections

Creator: Pi Nu Epsilon, Delta Chapter

Date: 1958-2016

Language: English

Extent: The total extent of the collection is 0.75 linear feet (2 manuscript boxes), plus 1 oversize box.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Custodial History: This collection was received by Archives & Special Collections as a donation during the spring 2017 semester.

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HISTORY

Pi Nu Epsilon is a national honorary music fraternity that was active at Shippensburg State College and later Shippensburg University from 1955 through 2016. The Shippensburg State College Delta Chapter was chartered in 1956 and was the third established by the national organization, which was formed in 1947. At its height, Pi Nu Epsilon had seven chapters, with six of them based at colleges and universities in Pennsylvania.

Pi Nu Epsilon is an organization for non-music majors, regardless of gender, who are active in campus music organizations. Members were chosen partially on the basis of musical ability but also based on involvement and participation in campus music groups. The Delta Chapter’s goal was to support music department faculty and activities through a variety of service activities. Goals of the Delta Chapter listed in its constitution were to “honor those outstanding men and women who have unselfishly devoted their time and energies to the musical organizations of Shippensburg University and the surrounding community;… stimulate interest in and to further the aims of the musical organizations of Shippensburg University;” and “foster and develop a broader interest in music and musical affairs.”

As of the 2017-2018 school year, Pi Nu Epsilon was inactive at Shippensburg University, but was still listed as a fraternity by the Shippensburg University Department of Music.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of this collection consists of governing documents, scrapbooks, and photographs documenting Pi Nu Epsilon Delta Chapter’s activities at Shippensburg State College and Shippensburg University. Also included in this collection are constitutions, by-laws, and meeting agendas for meetings of the national Pi Nu Epsilon organization, and correspondence related to the national organization’s efforts to expand to other schools in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Governing documents include minutes, agendas, and member lists pertaining to Delta Chapter business with the bulk of the content spanning the years 1955 to 1985. During the collection’s inclusive dates of 1955 to 2016, a large portion of the materials changed physical location each year when the chapter elected new secretaries and historians. As a result of this fluid custody arrangement and the hazards of being a volunteer organization led by officers with different interests and abilities, the records contain chronological holes which hampers full documentation of the history of the chapter’s operation at Shippensburg.

The records are arranged in 3 series. Series include 1) Scrapbooks, 2) Administrative Files, and 3) Photographs. Series 2 contains four sub-series to distinguish files created by different functions or officers of the Delta Chapter. Contents of all series are arranged chronologically where possible.

RESTRICTIONS

This collection is open for research, with the exception of the address book located in Series 2, Sub-series 4, which is restricted until 2035.

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PROCESSING NOTE

The Pi Nu Epsilon Collection was donated in the spring of 2017 by former student members of Pi Nu Epsilon. The materials arrived in two cardboard boxes and a large plastic tub and were not in any particular order. Archives & Special Collections Graduate Assistant Jessica Rudy surveyed the collection to ascertain its contents and through consultation with University Archivist Christy Fic arrived at the arrangement outlined in this finding aid. In cases where duplicate copies of documents existed, two copies were preserved and the others discarded. Processing also included discarding paperclips and acidic folders that originally contained the collection. Documents were arranged chronologically in an attempt to preserve the order in which documents were created and used by Delta Chapter. Folder titles were created by the Graduate Assistant.
SERIES DESCRIPTION AND CONTAINER LIST

SERIES 1. Scrapbooks

This series contains scrapbooks compiled by Pi Nu Epsilon Delta Chapter historians throughout the course of academic years. Each of the eight scrapbooks is bound and contains photographs of pledge events, fundraisers, and other events held throughout the year. Some scrapbooks also include membership and officer lists, menus, and other paper items related to chapter events.

Box 1

1976-1977-1978 Pi Nu Epsilon scrapbook; green cover
1978-1979 Pi Nu Epsilon scrapbook; grey cover
1979-1980 Pi Nu Epsilon scrapbook; white cover, spiral bound
1981-1982 Pi Nu Epsilon photographs scrapbook; orange cover
1982-1983 Pi Nu Epsilon scrapbook; blue cover
1992-1993 Pi Nu Epsilon Delta Chapter scrapbook; white cover
1994-1995 Pi Nu Epsilon memories scrapbook; red cover
1997-1998 Pi Nu Epsilon scrapbook; white cover

SERIES 2. Administrative Files

This series contains administrative files for the Delta Chapter of Pi Nu Epsilon and the national Pi Nu Epsilon organization. Key documents include meeting agendas and minutes for both organizations, constitution and by-laws for each, and correspondence and documentation related to chapter policies, events, initiations, and expansion of the fraternity to other colleges.

Sub-series 1. Governing documents

Documents in this sub-series include constitutions and by-laws of the Delta Chapter of Pi Nu Epsilon from 1982 and 2015 as well as the 1978 Supreme Constitution of the national organization of Pi Nu Epsilon. Other documents include items originally compiled by the president of the Delta Chapter during the 2015-2016 academic year for purposes of leading the fraternity.

Box  Folder

2  1  Delta Chapter Constitution and Bylaws – 1982, 2015
2  2  Supreme Constitution – 1978
2  3  Delta Chapter Policies – 2015
2  4  Photo Search – 2015

Sub-series 2. Secretary’s records

This sub-series contains agendas, minutes, and membership lists compiled by the Pi Nu Epsilon Delta Chapter secretary in the 1970s and 1980s. Additional records include national convention agendas, minutes, and newsletters, Delta Chapter event announcements and initiation records, and correspondence concerning adding new chapters to Pi Nu Epsilon in the late 1970s.
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**Sub-series 3. Alumni**

This series contains correspondence related to alumni appreciation events held by Pi Nu Epsilon Delta Chapter.

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**Sub-series 4. Notebooks**


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**SERIES 3: Photographs**

This series includes photographs of members of Pi Nu Epsilon Delta Chapter at various chapter events and initiations. The majority of the photos are undated but appear to be from the 1990s.

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