

**Finding Aid for the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, Gamma
Lambda chapter, 1959-2000**



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Descriptive Summary

- Title:** Finding Aid for the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, Gamma Lambda chapter, 1959-2000
- Creator:** These records were created by the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, Gamma Lambda/ Mahoning Valley Ohio chapter members
- Extent:** 3.75 cubic feet (one box is 1.25 cubic feet)
- Abstract:** Phi Delta Kappa is a professional fraternity in education. The documents in this collection contain minutes, reports, newsletters, awards and certificates and conference material mostly dating from the 1970s-1980s.

Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, Gamma Lambda chapter
- Preferred Citation:** Youngstown State University, Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, Gamma Lambda chapter, 1959-2000 RG #59/01, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
- Restrictions:** Yes; Requested material to be reviewed by staff.
- Processing :** Lisa Marie Garofali, February-March 2019
- Finding Aid:** Written by Lisa Marie Garofali

Historical Background

Phi Delta Kappa has its roots in three organizations, starting with Pi Kappa Mu in 1906 at Indiana University. Phi Delta Kappa was founded in 1908 at Teachers College, Columbia University and Nu Rho Beta was established in 1909 at the University of Missouri. By 1910, these three fraternities, unified by the notions of “good fellowship,” “education as a profession,” “research through cooperation,” and “promotion of social efficiency,” amalgamated to become one fraternity as Phi Delta Kappa.¹

The purpose of Phi Delta Kappa shall be to promote quality education, with particular emphasis on publically supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life. This purpose shall be accomplished through the genuine acceptance, continuing interpretation, and appropriation implementation of the ideal of high quality leadership through research, teaching and other professional services concerned with and directed to the improvement of education, especially of publicly supported and universally available education.²

It is important to note some key dates within the fraternity. In 1942, PDK admitted African American males into their fraternity, which predated much of the desegregation in American society. In 1973, delegates at the 34th Biennial Council voted in favor of the admission of women to the fraternity. This change is reflected in the wording of the Constitution and Bylaws after 1973 in this collection. Finally in 1999, Phi Delta Kappa discontinued the use of “fraternity” and instead favored “association” to describe the nature of the organization.³ The Newsletters from the beginning of 2000 document the acceptance of this change by the local chapter.

The installation of the Gamma Lambda field chapter of Phi Delta Kappa took place on October 17, 1959 at the Peacock Room of the Dinner Bell on Market Street in Youngstown, Ohio. The first club officers include: Stanton W. Simkins (President), C.W. Ricksecker (1st Vice President), J.Wesley Pollock (2nd Vice President), Robert Conway (secretary), Howard Sheve (treasurer), William R. Dressel (historian), and Albert Taylor (editor of newsletter). There were 64 petitioning members. In the early 1970s, it seems the local chapter dropped “Gamma Lambda” and is referred to as just the “Mahoning Valley Ohio Chapter.” This was more than likely due to the national organization eliminating the distinction between campus and field chapters. It is interesting to note that during the November 17, 1973 meeting minutes, the Mahoning Valley Chapter voted “No” for the admission of women into the organization, and it was not until spring 1976 that women appeared as members in the minutes.⁴

¹Walling, Donovan R. "Phi Delta Kappa at the Threshold." *The Phi Delta Kappan* 87, no. 5 (2006): K1-K8. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20442015>.

² “Introduction to Phi Delta Kappa” handbook located in Box 1 Folder 11 in collection labeled as “Fraternity Welcome Packet” 1979.

³ Walling, Donovan R. K6.

⁴ See Box 3 Folder 4 “Minutes and Related Material” 1972-1977.

Unfortunately, the information in the collection does not go past March 2000. During that time, the projected membership for 2000-2001 was 259 members.⁵ Currently, there is no longer a Phi Delta Kappa Mahoning Valley Ohio Chapter. The reasons for its ultimate demise is unknown.

Scope and Content

The collection organization was created artificially. A large portion of the materials date from the 1970-1990s and contain a mix of minutes, newsletters, pamphlets, inductee information, constitution and bylaws. It is organized alphabetically and divided into three series: membership, governance, and subject files. Membership involves things like the inductee lists, newsletters, forms, rituals and installation information. Governance includes minutes, elections, constitutions and bylaws, and reports. Subject file materials did fit in either of the previous series and are mostly supplemental. The most useful information which documents the activities and events of the fraternity would be the minutes and newsletters.

Colophon

This collection was processed from February to March 2019 by Lisa Marie Garofali, assistant archivist, with a M.A. in History. Accession information for this collection was either missing or never existed so how it came to the archives and who donated it is unknown. More than likely, the collection came to the archives early on before any procedures were established by the archivist and staff. The only materials weeded out were financial documents such as bank statements. The inductee files are restricted due to personal information.

Series Description

SERIES I: Membership

SERIES II: Governance

SERIES III: Subject Files

Related Materials

National newsletter of Phi Delta Kappa [microform]
<http://jupiter.yosu.edu/record=b1621379>

National newsletter of Phi Delta Kappa (Online)
<http://jupiter.yosu.edu/record=b2216381>

Readings on leadership in education: from the archives of Phi Delta Kappa International / [edited by] Donovan R. Walling.

⁵ See Box 2 Folder 3 Newsletters 1990-2000. January 2000 Newsletter.

<http://jupiter.ysu.edu/record=b1890828>

The new secondary education: a Phi Delta Kappa task force report / by Maurice Gibbons.

<http://jupiter.ysu.edu/record=b1195472>

Futures in school finance: working toward a common goal / K. Forbis Jordan and Kern Alexander, editors; conducted by the Institute for Educational Finance and Phi Delta Kappa.

<http://jupiter.ysu.edu/record=b1165452>

Dictionary of education: prepared under the auspices of Phi Delta Kappa. Carter V. Good, editor. Winifred R. Merkel, assistant editor.

<http://jupiter.ysu.edu/record=b1034027>

Public education, democracy, and the common good / edited by Donovan R. Walling.

<http://jupiter.ysu.edu/record=b1970767>

Educational horizons.

<http://jupiter.ysu.edu/record=b2217345>

Phi Delta Kappan [microform].

<http://jupiter.ysu.edu/record=b1572515>

Phi Delta Kappan (Online)

<http://jupiter.ysu.edu/record=b2216335>

Index Terms

Association

Bloomington, Indiana

Education

Ervin, James

Fraternity

Gamma Lambda

Phi Delta Kappa

Phi Delta Kappan

Raidel, Robert

Sonoga, Steven

Youngstown, Ohio

BOX 1

SERIES I: Membership

The bulk of this series contains inductee information. Due to the information requested on the inductee forms, most of the inductee forms are restricted. Items worthy of note are the newsletters (which also contain abstracts of minutes and may cross-over in information with them) and the chapter installation program for the Gamma Lambda chapter which was installed in 1959. Most of the membership forms are blank and the directory and rosters list names of members.

Folder No.	Contents
1	1 Membership. Directory. 1993-1994
1	2 Membership. Forms. Membership Nomination Forms. 1967-1968
1	3 Membership. Forms. Membership Personal History. Undated
1	4 Membership. Forms. Military Demit Application. Undated
1	5 Membership. Forms. Sample letters Candidates. 1990
1	6 Membership. Forms. Senior Membership. Undated
1	7 Membership. Forms. Service Key Applications. 1984, undated
1	8 Membership. Forms. Withdrawal Application. Undated
1	9 Membership. Fraternity Chapter Installation Program. 1959
1	10 Membership. Fraternity Initiation Ritual. 1952
1	11 Membership. Fraternity Welcome Packet. 1979
1	12 Membership. Candidates for Membership. 1963-1974
1	13 Membership. Inductees. 1966-1970
1	14 Membership. Inductees. 1971
1	15 Membership. Inductees. 1972
1	16 Membership. Inductees. 1973
1	17 Membership. Inductees. 1974
1	18 Membership. Inductees. 1975 *restricted*
1	19 Membership. Inductees. 1976 *restricted*
1	20 Membership. Inductees. 1977 *restricted*
1	21 Membership. Inductees. 1978 *restricted*
1	22 Membership. Inductees. 1979 *restricted*
1	23 Membership. Inductees. 1980 *restricted*
1	24 Membership. Inductees. 18 October 1980 *restricted*
1	25 Membership. Inductees. 28 February 1981 *restricted*
1	26 Membership. Inductees. 17 October 1981 *restricted*
1	27 Membership. Inductees. 20 March 1982 *restricted*
1	28 Membership. Inductees. October 1982 *restricted*
1	29 Membership. Inductees. February 1983 *restricted*
1	30 Membership. Inductees. 15 October 1983 *restricted*
1	31 Membership. Inductees. 28 April 1984 *restricted*
1	32 Membership. Inductees. 13 October 1984 *restricted*
1	33 Membership. Inductees. 23 March 1985 *restricted*

1	34	Membership. Inductees. 19 November 1985 *restricted*
1	35	Membership. Inductees. 15 March 1986 *restricted*
1	36	Membership. Inductees. 17 January 1987 *restricted*
1	37	Membership. Inductees. 16 April 1988 *restricted*
1	38	Membership. Inductees. 09 January 1989 *restricted*
1	39	Membership. Inductees. 21 January 1989 *restricted*
1	40	Membership. Inductees. 18 March 1989 *restricted*
1	41	Membership. Inductees. 11 April 1989 *restricted*
1	42	Membership. Inductees. 20 January 1990 *restricted*
1	43	Membership. Inductees. 28 April 1990 *restricted*
1	44	Membership. Inductees. 1990-1993 *restricted*
1	45	Membership. Inductees. 1995 *restricted*
1	46	Membership. Inductees. 1996 *restricted*
1	47	Membership. Inductees. 1997 *restricted*
1	48	Membership. Inductees. 1999 *restricted*

BOX 2

SERIES I: Membership (cont'd)

Folder No.	Contents
2 1	Membership. Newsletters. 1962-1971
2 2	Membership. Newsletters. 1974-1990
2 3	Membership. Newsletters. 1990-2000
2 4	Membership. Newsletter from Executive Secretary and President of PDK. 1971-1978
2 5	Membership. Newsletters. Other chapters. 1971-1972
2 6	Membership. Roster. 1968-1977
2 7	Membership. Statistics. 1970-1971, 1974, 1977

SERIES II: Governance

Most of this series pertains to the charter members of the fraternity, general organization and activities of the fraternity. These activities include attendance at national and regional conferences, minutes of the local chapter and reports. Elections, ballots and constitution and bylaws are also included. The major secretaries of this collection are Robert Raidel, Steven Sonoga, and James Ervin. A majority of this series dates from 1970-1990.

Folder No.	Contents
2 8	Governance. Conference. 28 th Biennial Council. Bloomington, Indiana. 28-30 December 1961.
2 9	Governance. Conference. Leadership. 1971
2 10	Governance. Conferences. 1972-1973

2	11	Governance. Conference. 36 th Biennial Council. 1977
2	12	Governance. Conference. District. 1978
2	13	Governance. Conference. 37 th Biennial Council. 1978
2	14	Governance. Constitution and Bylaws. 1964-1978
2	15	Governance. Constitution and Bylaws. 1988-1994
2	16	Governance. Constitution and Bylaws. Proposed, Drafts and Markups. 1971-1975, undated
2	17	Governance. Constitution and Bylaws. Glossary of Terms. 1972
2	18	Governance. Correspondence. 1971-1974, undated
2	19	Governance. Elections. Ballots. 1979-1990
2	20	Governance. Elections. Sample Ballots. 1981-1989
2	21	Governance. Elections. Officers. 1981-1990
2	22	Governance. Elections. Chapter officers. 1982-1989
2	23	Governance. Elections. Charter Members. 1984
2	24	Governance. Elections. Committees. 1975-1977
2	25	Governance. Elections. Committees. 1967-1975
2	26	Governance. Finance. Audit. International. 1970-1971
2	27	Governance. Finance. Audit. 1983
2	28	Governance. Finance. Audit. 1984
2	29	Governance. Finance. Audit. 1985
2	30	Governance. Finance. Audit. 1986
2	31	Governance. Finance. Audit. 1987
2	32	Governance. Finance. Audit. 1988
2	33	Governance. Finance. Audit. 1989
2	34	Governance. Finance. Audit. 1990
2	35	Governance. Finance. Audit. 1991
2	36	Governance. Finance. Ledger Book. 1958-1980
2	37	Governance. Handbook. Chapter Officers. 1964, 1971, 1974, 1986

BOX 3

SERIES II: Governance (cont'd)

Folder No.	Contents
3	1 Governance. Minutes and Related Material. 1959- May 1963
3	2 Governance. Minutes and Related Material. 1963-1965
3	3 Governance. Minutes and Related Material. Fall 1971-Spring 1972
3	4 Governance. Minutes and Related Material. 1972-1977
3	5 Governance. Minutes and Related Material. 1977-1980
3	6 Governance. Minutes. International. 1971-1972
3	7 Governance. Annual Report. 1970-1971
3	8 Governance. Annual Report. 1975
3	9 Governance. Annual Report. 1976
3	10 Governance. Annual Report. 1976-1977

- 3 11 Governance. Annual Report. 1977
- 3 12 Governance. Annual Report and Fund. 1978-1979
- 3 13 Governance. Annual Report. 1981
- 3 14 Governance. Annual Report. 1982-1983
- 3 15 Governance. Annual Report. 1990-1991
- 3 16 Governance. Report: Community College Faculty Perceptions of Academically Disadvantaged Students....1972
- 3 17 Governance. Report of the Mahoning Chapter. Research and Service Committee. 1979
- 3 18 Governance. Report Treasurer's. 1975-1977

SERIES III: Subject Files

Most of the items listed here are supplementary, do not really into the determined series listed above, or the information is too sparse to add to the content of the previously mentioned series.

Folder No.	Contents
3 19	Subject Files. Certificates and Awards. 1978-1990
3 20	Subject Files. P.D.K. Jewelry. 1977, 1989
3 21	Subject Files. Press Release. 1987, undated
3 22	Subject Files. Professional Development and Teacher Education. 1977
3 23	Subject Files. Saturday Treasures on Campus Project. 1985-1990
3 24	Subject Files. Scholarships. 1988-1993
3 25	Subject Files. Speakers Directory. Blank Forms. 1989, undated
3 26	Subject Files. Stationary. Undated
3 27	Subject Files. Tax Exempt Information. 1983, 1988, undated

Non-folded Items

Script, slides, and cassette entitled "The Successes of Public Education." 1980
 Framed Certificate from the National Headquarters of P.D.K for 25 years of service to the Mahoning Valley Ohio Chapter, October 13, 1984
 Framed Certificate of Recognition for Exemplary Service. November 10, 1984
 Large Charter of PDK located with the collection in large folder.