

Guide to the Phi Kappa Phi (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire) Records, 1955-2010

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Overview of the Collection

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Collection Number: Archives Series 371

Creator: Phi Kappa Phi

Title: Phi Kappa Phi (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire) Records

Dates: 1955-2010

Quantity: 2.2 linear feet (1/2 archives box, 1 record carton, 1 flat box)

Location of Collection: Shelf B5/5d (Boxes 1-3); 2 banners rolled by file cabinet behind D9 shelving area

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Summary: Records of Phi Kappa Phi, a national scholastic honor society, 1955 through 2010. Records and artifacts detail the history of the local chapter on campus (formed in April 1969), committees, correspondence, public relations, initiation programs, meeting minutes, activities, membership lists, and national society handbooks. UW-Eau Claire is not listed in the national Phi Kappa Phi current directory (in April 2022) for Wisconsin chapters.

Biographical/Historical Note

In 1897, at the University of Maine, an honor society was created "that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines covering a wider range of students than any other honor society in existence at that time." In 1900, this "society was renamed Phi Kappa Phi from the letters of the

Greek words forming its motto, *Philosophía Krateítō Phōtōn*, 'Let the love of learning rule humanity.' Its mission is 'to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engages the community of scholars in service to others.'"

(<https://www.phikappaphi.org/about/mission-and-history>)

The Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was founded in April 1969, by the then national president-elect, Dr. Theodore Zillman, of the University of Wisconsin. Ninety-two undergraduates, 7 alumni, 2 graduate students, and 7 faculty members were initiated then. To be elected, a student had to be in the final semester of their junior or senior year and rank in the top eighth of the senior class, or top twentieth of the junior class. No more than ten percent of a class could be elected. Alumni of the past five years could be invited as members, and any faculty or graduate students of outstanding caliber (1970 *Periscope*, p. 187; Feb. 20, April 17, 1969, p. 3, *The Spectator*). Around the year 2000, senior undergraduates had to be in the upper 10% of their class in each college or division. Junior undergraduates had to be in the upper 7.5% of their class. Graduate and professional students had to be in the upper 10% of all candidates for graduate or professional degrees. Four members from the faculty, administration, and professional staff, and four outstanding alumni, could be invited into membership each year. The society recognizes scholarship in all academic disciplines. Students could apply for fellowships for graduate school from the national society, as well as local awards from the UW-Eau Claire chapter.

The badge of the society is a globe against the background of the sun with expansive rays, to signify equivalence among the various branches of learning and represent dissemination of truth as light. Encircling the globe is a band containing the Greek letters $\Phi\Kappa\Phi$ for Phi Kappa Phi to symbolize a fraternal bond which girds the earth and binds the lovers of wisdom in a common purpose. The seal of the society features the badge in its center, surrounded by a crenelated line that represents the battlements of Troy. In the space between this line and the periphery of the seal appear three stars just above the badge, one for each of the three original chapters. Below the badge is written "Founded 1897."

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Content Description

This collection contains records of Phi Kappa Phi, a national scholastic honor society, from before the formation of the local chapter on campus in 1969, 1955 through 2010. Records detail the history of the local chapter on campus, committees, correspondence (local chapter and national society), public relations releases, initiation programs and information, meeting minutes, activities (scholarship selection and Honors Week, etc.), membership lists and selections, and national society handbooks. Artifacts include: three banners — 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 11 $\frac{3}{16}$ inches, golden yellow base with navy blue design of the Phi Kappa Phi seal; two commencement honors stoles — 5 ft. 5.5 in. long, bright yellow with Greek letters $\Phi\Kappa\Phi$ embroidered in navy blue on one side and Phi Kappa Phi badge embroidered in navy blue and golden yellow on the other side; medal printed with Phi Kappa Phi seal and blue hanging ribbon; bronze medallion with Phi Kappa Phi seal engraved on front; Banner — 33.5 x 38.5 inches, navy blue base with golden yellow design of the Phi Kappa Phi seal; Banner — 28.5 x 36 inches, navy blue base with golden yellow design of the Phi Kappa Phi seal.

Related Collections

AS115: University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire University Centers Activities and Programs programming files, 1917-2015

AS344: University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Honors Week Records, 1949-2015

AS358: University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire University Centers Activities and Programs student organizations files, 1960-2015 (Phi Kappa Phi: Box 5, F. 36)

AS374: University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire University Centers Activities and Programs campus organizations guidebook, 1986-1994

AS388: SOPHS Records, 1977-2010

AS443: Committees, Councils, Boards, 1965-1996 (Box 4, Folder 21: "Guide to Preliminary Statement concerning the possibility of establishing a chapter of the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi" at Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: Transferred to the University Archives by Student Affairs in 1987 and 1992. Additional material transferred from University Activities and Programs in 2017.

Access Restrictions: Collection is open to the public.

Use Restrictions: Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. Copyright owned by the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Processing Note: Finding aid created and additions added by Julie Hatfield in April 2022.

Arrangement: Flat arrangement.

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Subjects

Personal Names:

Bakken, Arnold
Hoff, Roma

Subject Terms:

Phi Kappa Phi (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire)
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire — Societies, etc.
Universities and colleges — Honors Courses — Wisconsin

Geographical Terms:

Eau Claire, Wis.

Detailed List of Contents

Container	Contents	Dates
Box/Folder 1/1	Constitution and By-Laws of Phi Kappa Phi	1966-1976
1/2	Handbook of Phi Kappa Phi (and extra forms and materials that came with handbook)	ca. 1968
1/3	Handbook of Phi Kappa Phi	ca. 1970, 1973
1/4	Local awards committee	1970-1971
1/5	National Awards, forms and information	ca. 1972
1/6	Membership — Local criteria	1969
1/7	Membership List	1969-1971
1/8	Program Committee	1971-1973
1/9	Initiation Ceremony, programs and materials	1965-1971
1/10	Arrangements Committee	1969-1971
1/11	Planning Committee, first initiation	1968-1969
1/12	Correspondence	1964-1972
1/13	Meeting Minutes	1969-1972
1/14	Selection Committee	1969-1973
1/15	Nominating Committee	1971
1/16	Constitution Committee	1971
1/17	Current Affairs - Public Relations releases, etc.	1969-1971
1/18	Newsletter	May 1969
1/19	Stationery - Certificates	1971
1/20	Meeting Minutes - Executive Committee (Dr. Bakken)	1971-1972
1/21	Correspondence - Dr. Bakken	1969-1972
1/22	Correspondence, meeting minutes, membership lists, initiation programs, 1955 handbook	1955-1973
1/23	Programs and correspondence	1973-1975
1/24	Initiation Ritual	1975-1976
1/25	Honors Week	1974-1975
1/26	National Awards	1975-1975
1/27	Faculty Selections	1974-1975
1/28	Initiation Program	1974
1/29	Correspondence	1973-1974
1/30	Correspondence, Public Relations releases — Roma Hoff	1972-1973
1/31	University and Student Government forms	1974-1975
1/32	Mailings to members and initiates	1970-1974
1/33	Supply order forms, national office	1973
1/34	Local Fellowship	1970-1973
1/35	Correspondence	1963-1974
1/36	Communications — National Office	1968-1974
1/37	Membership Selections	1969-1974
1/38	Letters of Invitation — Graduate, Alumni, Faculty	1970-1974

1/39	Letters of Invitation — Undergraduate	1969–1973
1/40	News Releases	1969–1974
1/41	Rituals of Initiation	1973–1974
1/42	Initiation — General Materials	1973–1974
1/43	Initiation — Programs	1969–1975
1/44	Fellowship — Sparks and Gibbs, and Graduate Fellowship applications	1970–1974
1/45	Initiation programs and info., News Releases, Communications from National Office, Newsletters, Correspondence	1974–1975
1/46	Membership	ca. 1969–1972
1/47	Membership Lists — National printout	1970–1973
1/48	Membership List printouts	1975, 1977
1/49	International Festival Schedule	1968
1/50	Presidents of Phi Kappa Phi	1969–1994
2/1	Emblems, sticker, letterhead	ca. 1980s–2000s
2/2	Certificates (Blank)	ca. 2000s
2/3	Calendar of Duties	ca. 1980s
2/4	Committees	1980
2/5	Initiation Rituals and Information	1978, 1995, 2007–2010
2/6	Scholarships	1999–2003
2/7	National Conference	1997
2/8	General Information, Initiation	1998
2/9	General Information, Initiation	1999
2/10	General Information, Initiation	2000
2/11	General Information, Initiation	2001
2/12	General Information, Initiation	2002
2/13	General Information, Initiation	2003
2/14	Finances	1996–1997
2/15	Finances	1997–1998
2/16	Finances	1998–1999
2/17	Finances	1999–2000
2/18	Finances	2000–2001
3	Banner (3) — 11 ³ / ₄ x 11 ³ / ₁₆ inches, golden yellow base with navy blue design of the Phi Kappa Phi seal, hanging dowel with bright yellow hanging cord tied on each end	
3	Commencement Honors Stoles (2) — 5 ft. 5.5 in. long, bright yellow with Greek letters ΦΚΦ embroidered in navy blue on one side and Phi Kapp Phi badge embroidered in navy blue and golden yellow on the other side	
3	Medal — 17 inches long, blue ribbon (to hang around neck) attached to round medal printed with Phi Kappa Phi seal on front (blue, white, and gold)	

3	Medallion — 2 ¾ inches circumference, bronze with green fabric backing, Phi Kappa Phi seal engraved on front	
Rolled by File cabinet behind D9 shelving area	Banner — 33.5 x 38.5 inches, navy blue base with golden yellow design of the Phi Kappa Phi seal, wooden hanging dowel with bright yellow hanging cord tied on each end, yellow fringe bottom	
Rolled by File cabinet behind D9 shelving area	Banner — 28.5 x 36 inches, navy blue base with golden yellow design of the Phi Kappa Phi seal, brass knob hanging dowel, yellow fringe bottom	