Sigma Delta Psi collection
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Summary Information

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<td>Abstract</td>
<td>Sigma Delta Psi is an honorary national physical education fraternity which promotes total fitness of male college students and was active on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in the 1920s through the 1960s. Materials in the Sigma Delta Psi collection dates from 1927 to 1967 and contains Application Records from the Michigan Normal College chapter arranged alphabetically, a series of Notecards from member John Johnson dating from 1950-1951 and Clippings dating 1937 to 1940. There are no materials in the collection related to the founding, governance or activities of the organization on campus.</td>
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Preferred Citation note

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**Historical note**

Sigma Delta Psi is a national honorary athletic fraternity that was active on the campus of the Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) in the 1920s through the 1960s. According to the description in the 1927 *Aurora* yearbook "Sigma Delta Psi [was] the only fraternity of its kind in the United State. [With] chapters in thirty-five of the leading Colleges and Universities of America. The organization started in Yale and spread to other institutions. Its requirements [were] scholastic, athletic and social." The University of Michigan and Western were the only two other institutions of higher learning with Sigma Delta Psi chapters, the chapter at Michigan State Normal College was the first in Michigan. There were a series of athletic requirements for membership including:

- 100 yard dash run in 11.3 seconds or under
- One mile run in 6 minutes or under
- High Jump of 5 feet or more
- Shot put of 30 feet or more
- Football punt (on fly) of at least 40 yards
- Hand stand for at least 10 seconds
- a 100 yard swim of at least 2 minutes duration

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**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

Eastern Michigan University Archives 2014 November 12

**Conditions Governing Access note**

Researchers are asked to request materials 24 hours prior to visiting the the University Archives.

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**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**

- Athletics
- Campus Life
- Eastern Michigan University
- Fraternities
• Greek letter societies
• Michigan State Normal College
• Physical education and training.
• Sigma Delta Psi
## Collection Inventory

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