Office of the Chancellor -- University Honors Program -- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society -- Iota Chapter Materials, 1972-1984

An inventory of the collection at the University of Illinois at Chicago

Collection Summary

Creator: Phi Beta Kappa, Iota of Illinois Chapter
Title: Office of the Chancellor -- University Honors Program -- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society -- Iota Chapter Materials
Dates: 1972-1984
Abstract: Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest academic honor society, inviting into membership outstanding seniors who have attained a liberal arts education with demonstrated breadth and depth. UIC's chapter, Iota of Illinois, was established in 1976 by Bernard Kogan. The collection includes membership lists, insignia purchase orders, correspondence, and program materials from the organization’s foundation years.
Quantity: 3 linear feet
Identification: 003-08-02-01

Biographical Sketch

Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest academic honor society, inviting into membership outstanding seniors who have attained a liberal arts education with demonstrated breadth and depth. The organization gets its name from the first letters of a Greek phrase that when translated into English means "Love of learning is the guide to life." UIC's chapter, Iota of Illinois, was established in 1976 by English professor Bernard Kogan.

New student members of Phi Beta Kappa are elected by faculty and university staff who themselves are members. Elections at UIC occur once a year, usually during the week of spring break. Successful candidates are notified shortly afterward by mail, with letters sent to the students' address on record (usually their permanent home address). Membership selection is based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to): A minimum GPA of 3.7 (on a 4.0 scale); at least 90 degree credit hours earned, 60 or more of which were earned at UIC; at least 90 credit hours in liberal arts and sciences courses (as opposed to applied, professional and/or technical courses); completion of advanced-level courses beyond those in the declared major; demonstration of successful coursework in a foreign language and in mathematics.
Scope and Contents

This collection features materials relating to the founding of the Iota of Illinois chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The establishment of the chapter was headed by English professor Bernard Kogan, who oversaw the organization during its early years at UICC. It was chartered in 1977. The collection includes membership lists, insignia purchase orders, correspondence, and program materials.

Detailed Description/Box and Folder Listing

Series I: Organizational Materials

Box 1

1. Resident Membership, 1978
3. Poetry Competitions, 1979
4. Selection, 1977-1979
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7. Students, 1981
9. Membership, 1982
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15. Report- Phi beta Kappa Qualifications, 1974
17. Council Meeting, 1982
18. Invitation for Membership, 1980

Box 3

21. Foundation Materials, 1977
22. Foundation Materials, 1978
23. Foundation Materials, 1979
24. Correspondence, 1980
27. Report- Committee on Qualifications, Phi Beta Kappa, 1974
30. Publication- The Key Reporter, 1974-1983

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32. Charter, 1977