



Guide to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Phi Kappa Phi Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 100 (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)
Title:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas Phi Kappa Phi Records
ID:	UA-00030
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1960 to 2019
Physical Description:	6.74 Cubic Feet (9 boxes, 1 oversized box)
Physical Description:	6.60 Linear Feet
Physical Location:	Some materials are stored in the Lied Automated Storage and Retrieval Unit (LASR). Advanced notice may be required to access these materials.
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The University of Nevada, Las Vegas Phi Kappa Phi Records (approximately 1960-2019) consist of meeting minutes, correspondence, financial documents, member lists, programs, newspaper clippings, and photographic prints pertaining to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 100 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). The collection also includes memorabilia from the organization's fiftieth induction ceremony, as well as a framed copy of its charter.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi was the fourth academic society created in the United States, and remains the oldest all-discipline honor society. Each year, the organization initiates around 34,000 students, faculty, professional staff, and alumni. Notable

members include politician Hillary Clinton, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and author John Grisham.

Chartered in 1967, Phi Kappa Phi's Chapter 100 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, began with a group of twenty faculty members and five students. The chapter now initiates approximately 150 new members each year. The highly selective organization is the only honor society noted on UNLV's official transcripts.

Source:

University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "About Phi Kappa Phi." Accessed January 15, 2020. <https://pkp.sites.unlv.edu/about>

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research with the exception of student records protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 1, 2080.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were transferred to the University Archives in 2014 and 2017 by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 100 at UNLV; accession numbers 2014-016 and 2017-080.

Appraisal Note

In 2025, the 1967 framed Phi Kappa Phi charter was deaccessioned and returned to the donating unit (UNLV Phi Kappa Phi).

Processing Note

A summary of materials was created by Maggie Bukowski in 2018. To prepare the summary, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents list, estimate dates, and identify material types. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Christina Lamoureux rehoused the materials, wrote the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2020, Joseph Puentes added materials to the collection and updated the finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- Student activities
- Greek letter societies
- Societies
- photographs
- Initiations (into trades, societies, etc.)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Budgets, vouchers, office receipts, and other financial documents, 1967-1973	box 01
Constitution, by-laws, charter, handbooks, petitions, and membership documents, approximately 1960-1981	box 02

Executive committee records, correspondence, elections, and a book on the history of Phi Kappa Phi, 1968-1982	box 03
Financial documents, 1968-1976	box 04
Initiation programs, convention information and correspondence, and membership documents, 1967-1992	box 05
Meeting minutes, forms, reports, newspaper clippings, and photographs, 1966-1981	box 06
Membership nominations, acceptances, and correspondence; fellowship correspondence and applications; and honors convocation correspondence and programs, 1968-1981	box 07
Nominee college transcripts, GPA lists, and correspondence, 1968-1980 Restricted: Materials are restricted in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and will be open for research use on January 1, 2080.	box 08
Charter drafts on aluminum legal-sized sheets, posters and programs from the 50th UNLV Phi Kappa Phi initiation ceremony; and a Phi Kappa Phi medallion, approximately 1971 to 2019	oversized box 09
Member forms, initiations, constitutions, memoranda, and meeting announcements, 1966-1984	box 10