

# **Guide to the Alpha Epsilon Iota Collection COL.2004-023**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
<b>Title</b>	Alpha Epsilon Iota Collection
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1929-1940
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1917-1951
<b>Extent</b>	1.9 Linear feet
<b>Location</b>	Room 440, Old Library, Historical Collections & Archives, Oregon Health & Science University
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Information on the doings of the local chapter of Alpha Epsilon Iota medical sorority has been donated to the archives.

### Preferred Citation

Alpha Epsilon Iota Collection, Accession # 2004-023, Historical Collections & Archives, Oregon Health & Science University

## Biographical/Historical note

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Alpha Epsilon Iota (AEI), a national medical sorority was founded at the University of Michigan on February 3, 1890 and instituted the first chapter (Alpha). Between 1898 and 1909, additional ten chapters were established in several medical schools, for example, the Universities of Chicago, Minnesota, and California (Los Angeles). Nearly three decades after AEI was organized, Xi chapter was installed at the University of Oregon Medical School (UOMS) on January 20, 1922.

In 1932, Xi chapter hosted an AEI national convention in Portland, Oregon where delegates from the chapters of 22 medical schools and 5 Grand Chapter officers participated. Local meeting minutes in this collection show various activities of the chapter, such as dues and expenses, elections of chapter officers, and initiation banquets. Xi chapter was inactive during the years of 1942-1943 due to low enrollment of women at UOMS, although the chapter was reactivated in 1944. Interestingly, the chapter had a ritual book, which explains details of the ceremonial procedure in the installation of a new chapter and chapter officers, as well as an initiation service.

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## Scope and Contents

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The bulk of the materials are correspondences from the national convention of AEI held in Portland, Oregon in 1932, local meeting minutes between 1929 and 1939, and documents from National Convention held in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1940. Specifically, materials of the National Convention in 1932 were assembled as a scrapbook. A few other items include a hand-written ritual book adapted in 1917, index cards including names of Xi chapter members, a photograph pictured in the National Convention in 1940, and one group photograph in a National Convention with no date and place.

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## Arrangement

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The bulk of the materials were originally organized as a scrapbook and a book of meeting minutes, and each of these were arranged in a folder and the original order inside the materials was maintained. Index cards were originally arranged in alphabetical order of last name. The remaining materials were roughly sorted by format and subject. At the processing time, the materials were divided into two boxes. The ritual book was placed in an enveloped and then located in a folder.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials

Medical Museum Collection, 77-68.1, Wooden gavel 2004-030, Lucy I. Davis Phillips Collection on Oregon Women Medical School Graduates 2006-004, Elizabeth Curtis French Papers

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- Correspondence.
- Minutes
- Scrapbooks

## **Occupation(s)**

- Physicians, Women

## **Subject(s)**

- Medical Societies
- Medicine and Health
- Oregon
- University of Oregon.Medical School
- Women--Oregon

## Collection Inventory

### B1

F1 Notebook & Meeting minutes 1929-1942

F2 Convention Address "Women in Medicine by William S. Middleton, M.D. 1936

F3 27th Convention and 50th anniversary 1940 June 19-22

#### Note

Includes newsletters, correspondence, program, itinerary, group photographs, newsclippings and other ephemera.

F4 Newsletters 1932-1950

F5 Correspondence 1933

F6 Documents and Correspondence-Treasurers Reports, Internship Survey, and letter from Dr. Dillehunt to Chapter president Dittebrandt 1931-1951

F7 Ritual of Alpha Epsilon Iota, Xi Chapter 1917 June 23

#### Note

## B2 Scrapbook materials

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The Ritual book defines the fraternity name, badge, colors, flower, knock, grip, password, official titles and grand chapter officers. It also describes setting for installation service, rituals of installation of chapter officers, properties for the installation service, rituals of initiation, ceremonial initiation giving the oath, and properties for initiation service. “Adapted at Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 23, 1917”  
“Copied by Jane Sands Grand Chapter Secretary 1921-23”

### **B2 Scrapbook materials 1929-1933**

#### **Arrangement**

Material is in an oversize artifact box. The scrapbook has been deconstructed. pages are interleaved with acid-free folio size folders.

#### **Historical note**

The scrapbook commemorates the 1932 meeting of the Grand Chapter and the local Xi chapter of Alpha Epsilon Iota medical sorority held in Portland June 10-12. The bulk of the material is pre-planning correspondence. Also available are the program and follow-up correspondence from attendees. Also included is one packet of membership 3x5 index cards.

F1 Scrapbook, deconstructed

Packet #1 Index cards of Alpha Epsilon Iota members