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Descriptive Summary

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Title             University of Chicago. Pi Lambda Theta, Lambda Chapter. Records
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Repository        Special Collections Research Center
                   University of Chicago Library
                   1100 East 57th Street
                   Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract          The Pi Lambda Theta, Lambda Chapter Records comprise minutes of the
                  Chapter’s first two years of meetings (1921-1923) and various procedural
                  guidelines, membership lists, meeting materials, newsletters, fiscal reports,
                  and correspondence from 1987 through 1989.

Information on Use

Access            The collection is open for research.

Citation          When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: University of Chicago.
                   Pi Lambda Theta, Lambda Chapter. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research
                   Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note   Pi Lambda Theta is an honor society for educators which was founded in 1910 by the Dean
                   of Education at the University of Missouri, Dr. W.W. Charters. As a member of Phi Beta
                   Kappa, an honor society who admitted only men at the time, Dr. Charters sought to create a
                   similar honor and professional society for women educators. Six other Midwestern institutions
                   had joined the University of Missouri in creating local charters by 1916. In 1917, the society
                   increased its regional scope to a national one, and by the 2000s, it had sixty-three regional,
                   national, and international charters and 15,000 men and women members.

                   The mission of the Pi Lambda Theta is to honor academic excellence, promote leadership
                   among educators, encourage educational research, and make available to members activities and
                   resources for pursuing these goals.
Pi Lambda Theta installed the Lambda Chapter at the University of Chicago in June, 1921. Its meetings were held on campus in Judd Hall where the Department of Education was housed. Different members of the Education Faculty served as Faculty Advisers to the Chapter. It appears that the Lambda Chapter was dissolved in the mid 1990s when the University of Chicago closed the Department of Education.

**Scope Note**
The records are organized in sixteen folders. The first folder contains a notebook holding the handwritten minutes of the Lambda Chapter’s installation and first two years of meetings.

The remaining fifteen folders contain documents created between 1982 and 1989, including membership lists, procedural guidelines, meeting materials (including announcements, agenda, and minutes), financial and fundraising reports, newsletters, memoranda from the national society, program schedules, correspondence, and catalogs of reprints.

These fifteen folders follow an order that is generally chronological. Folders two through six contain information about the organization and membership of the Lambda Chapter; folders seven through fourteen contain information on the Chapter’s activities (programs, meetings, and reports); folders fourteen and fifteen contain correspondence; and folder sixteen contains catalogs of the Educational Excellence Network.

**Related Resources**
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

**Subject Headings**
- Pi Lambda Theta
- University of Chicago -- Students
- University of Chicago -- Societies, etc.
- Women -- Societies and clubs
- Universities and colleges -- Societies, etc.

**INVENTORY**

Box 1
Folder 1
   Notebook, installation and meeting minutes, 1921-1923

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Folder 2
   Chapter Officer Lists, 1988-1989

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Folder 3  
Member Lists, 1988-1989

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Folder 4  
Guidelines and By-Laws, undated

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Folder 5  
Organizational Guidelines and Procedures, 1982-1988

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Folder 6  
Council Bids and National Office Memoranda, 1989

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Folder 7  
Summary of the Chapter’s Programs, 1988-89

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Folder 8  
Newsletter, 1988

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Folder 9  
Newsletters, Announcements, Meeting Materials, 1988

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Folder 10  
Agenda and Invitations, 1988-1989

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Folder 11  
Minutes, 1988-1989

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Folder 12  
Treasurer’s Reports, 1987-1989

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Folder 13  
Membership and Fundraising Reports, 1988

Box 1

Folder 14  
Correspondence, 1988-1989

Box 1

Folder 15  
Correspondence, 1988-1989

Box 1

Folder 16  
Educational Excellence Network Reprint catalogues, 1988-1989