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Inventory of the Alpha Omega Alpha records, 1931 - 2002

This collection documents the administration and activities of the Alpha chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha at Duke University, installed locally in 1932. Duke members have included faculty, house staff and students. AOA was a honorary medical society.

Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: Alpha Omega Alpha records, 1931 - 2002

Creator: Alpha Omega Alpha. Alpha Chapter (Duke University)

Extent: 100 itemes, 1.5 linear feet3 record storage boxes

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Historical Note

The Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Fraternity was organized at the College of Medicine, University of Illinois on August 25, 1902. The name of the society was changed to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society in 1934. The society's motto is Worthy to serve the suffering. The society's primary goal is to recognize and perpetuate excellence in the medical profession.

The Duke University chapter, the Alpha chapter, was installed on April 29, 1931 with three members: Jay M. Arena, George W. Heinitsh, and John Fletcher Lovejoy. All were members of the 1932 class of the School of Medicine. The chapter has been continually active at Duke, with new members from the School of Medicine and hospital initiated each spring. Students are elected for membership by chapter members during their junior and senior years based on academic performance and personal qualities.

The Duke chapter activities include administration of a student-taught supplement to the second-year Physical Diagnosis course. During the annual Alpha Omega Alpha Original Studies Symposium, a one-day symposium during which medical students present their third-year research findings via either poster or platform presentations. The chapter also elects house staff, faculty and alumni whose academic and personal qualities demonstrate excellence in the profession. Ed Halperin, M.D. currently serves as councilor for the Duke Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha. Previous councilors have included James F. Glenn and Edward S. Orgain.

Collection Overview

This collection documents the activities, administration, and membership of the Alpha chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha at Duke University, installed locally in 1932. Duke members have included faculty, house staff and students. The collection contains lists of member names; banquet planning correspondence and programs; symposia abstracts, presentations materials, and papers. Types of materials include brochures, correspondence, lists, programs, and booklets. Major subjects include Duke University faculty and medical students.

Items are arranged in approximately chronological order. Folders are numbered.

Online Catalog Headings

Students, Medical

Duke University. School of Medicine.

Container List

Records, 1931-2002

Box 1

- 1 - National brochures and bylaws, 1960, 1982
- 2 - Conference, nomination, and administrative procedures for Duke chapter, undated
- 3 - Correspondence and lists, 1931-1968
- 4 - Correspondence and lists, 1969-1970
- 5 - Correspondence, 1985-1989
- 6 - Correspondence soliciting contributions from departmental chairs, 1983-1989
- 7 - Lists of funds received from departments, 1987-1989
- 8 - Student research fellowships, 1984-1987
- 9 - List of student members, 1975-1979
- 10 - List of faculty members, 1983-1985

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- 11 - List of faculty members, 1986-1989
- 12 - Special talks and open forums, 1984-1988
- 13 - Spring grand rounds, round table, and dean's address, 1982
- 14 - Spring banquet, lectures, and grand rounds, 1983
- 15 - Spring banquet, lectures, and grand rounds, 1984
- 16 - Spring banquet, lectures, and grand rounds, 1986
- 17 - Symposia abstracts and presentations, 1986
- 18 - Spring banquet, lectures, and grand rounds, 1986
- 19 - Symposia abstracts and presentations, 1987
- 20 - Spring banquet, lectures, and grand rounds, 1989
- 21 - Symposia abstracts and presentations, 1990
- 22 - Symposia abstracts and presentations, 1992-1994

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- 23 - Symposia abstracts and presentations, 1995-1997
- 24 - Symposia abstracts and presentations, 2000-2002