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Collection Summary

Identifier

UA 35.15

Title

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi Chapter Records

Creator

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi Chapter, South
Dakota State University

Dates

1976-1978, 1987

Extent

0.21 linear feet (1 small document case)

Language

English

Repository

South Dakota State University Archives and Special Collections, Hilton
M. Briggs Library, Brookings, South Dakota.

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Abstract

The Society of Professional Journalists is a broad-based journalism organization, dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism and stimulating high standards of ethical behavior. This collection is composed of the scrapbooks documenting activities of the society. These scrapbooks consist mainly of correspondence, examples of their publications, special projects and clippings.

Historical Note

The South Dakota State University Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists was started on campus in 1937. The Society of Professional Journalists is a broad-based journalism organization, dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism and stimulating high standards of ethical behavior. Founded in 1901 as Sigma Delta Chi, this society promotes the free flow of information vital to a well-informed citizenry; works to inspire and educate the next generation of journalists; and protects First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and press. In the mid-1970's, the SDSU Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi lost its sponsor to the National Society of Professional Journalists. It existed on campus until the 1980s.

Between 1940 and the mid-1970's, this society published *The Bum* and *The Junior Bum*. *The Bum* was the official program for Jackrabbit football and printed primarily for Hobo Day. *The Junior Bum* was eventually added as the official program for Jackrabbit basketball. Proceeds from the sale of these publications funded the society's annual trip to the Sigma Delta Chi national convention.

In the mid-1970's, the SDSU Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi lost its sponsor to the National Society of Professional Journalists. As a result, the publishing of *The Bum* and *The Junior Bum* was no longer a financial benefit for the

society. The Jackrabbit Sports Information Service, a service provided by the Athletic Department, took over the responsibility of publishing these programs. The Bum is filed with the Jackrabbit Sports Information Services records [UA 46.2].

Contents Note

This collection is composed of scrapbooks documenting activities of the society. These scrapbooks were found in very poor condition and were dismantled for preservation purposes. Photocopies were made of most material with items in good condition being preserved.

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Key Words

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi Chapter

Student activities

Students -- Societies, etc.

Administrative Information

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Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Scrapbook	1976-1977
1	2	Scrapbook	1977-1978
1	3	Scrapbook	1984