

## **Alpha Rho Tau Papers, 1935-1950 (1 Folder)**

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### **Restrictions**

None.

### **Historical Sketch**

The Eastern Art Club was founded in 1935. The name was changed to Alpha Rho Tau in 1939 when it was suggested by "Dr. Giles" (Frederic P. Giles, Art Department, 1939-1963) that the club "be given a more distinctive name," and he recommended the Greek letters for ART. In early 1950, the club decided to affiliate with the national organization known as Kappa Pi. At a banquet held in the Student Union Building on 24 March 1950, a representative of Kappa Pi officially installed the club as the Alpha Alpha Psi chapter, one of 96 chapters in the U.S. The *Milestone* caption for the club photograph in 1950 states that the purpose of the club was to get "those students together socially who are interested in art so they may enjoy and participate in art activities in addition to those offered in the classroom."

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists almost entirely of the club's meeting minutes, 1935-1950. There is also an undated information sheet about Kappa Pi with a typewritten name, Marie B. Ryan, National Representative, at the top. The meeting minutes of 9 Mar 1950 indicate that a Mrs. Ryan will be on campus to install the club at the banquet on 24 Mar 1950.

The meeting minutes discuss various club activities, events and fund-raising efforts. Meetings usually consisted of a program of some sort such as slide lectures, films or music. Fund raising was done to pay for club photographs for the *Milestone*, for films and other club programs and social events. To raise money they held tea parties, card parties, carnivals and a Beaux Arts Ball. In the minutes are membership lists, officer lists, treasurer's reports and business meeting reports.

Some of the minutes are in pencil and difficult to read.

### **Donor Information**

Donated by Daniel Shindelbower (1987-023).

### **Folder Contents**

Meeting minutes, 5 Nov 1935 - 14 Jan 1941

Meeting minutes, 5 Oct 1949 - 11 May 1950

Information sheet, Kappa Pi, ca.1950