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**SIGMA ALPHA IOTA, ZETA CHAPTER (JORDAN
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS)
PATRONESS CLUB RECORDS, 1944–1994**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 manuscript boxes, 1 oversized manuscript box, 1 photograph folder
COLLECTION DATES:	1944-1994
PROVENANCE:	Indianapolis Patroness Club, Sigma Alpha Iota Fraternity, c/o Lois Cislak, 5331 Kenwood Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46208, 21 May 1997
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Patroness Club of Zeta Chapter, Sigma Alpha Iota, was formed in 1911 to "assist and cooperate with Zeta Chapter and to uphold the National objectives of Sigma Alpha Iota." Sigma Alpha Iota, an international professional music fraternity for women, was formed in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1903.

The Patroness Club was active in raising funds for scholarships given to music students at Jordan College of Music at Butler University in Indianapolis. Scholarship winners performed at the club's annual scholarship brunch. The club also placed opera scores in the Fine Arts Library of Jordan College in memory of deceased members. Membership was by invitation only. The club disbanded in 1994.

Sources: Material in collection.
Conversation with donor, 18 September 1997

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of the records (1944-1994) of the Patroness Club of Zeta Chapter, Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI). It includes copies of the club's By-laws and standing rules, which were adopted in 1963, and revised in 1971; minutes and reports; photographs; SAI songbooks; a guest book (1962-1974); and a scrapbook (1972-1991). Material is arranged by format, then chronologically.

The majority of the records are meeting agendas, minutes, treasurer's reports, and correspondence read at meetings; these materials cover the periods October 1944-May 1952 and January 1960-May 1994. Records from June 1986-May 1994 were kept in a binder labeled "Recording Secretary's Book." They were removed from the binder due to conservation concerns and placed in folders. The order of the material within the binder was maintained, but copies of meeting agendas were interfiled chronologically.

Two copies of *Songs of Sigma Alpha Iota*, revised edition (1958); a guest book kept by the club; and a scrapbook complete the collection. The scrapbook includes newspaper clippings and programs, which mention the Patroness Club and musical events in the Indianapolis area. Items that were not permanently attached in the scrapbook were placed in a folder (box 2, folder 3).

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