



History of the Saint Louis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (S0410)

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Collection Title: History of the Saint Louis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

Dates: 1953

Creator: Young, Rufus, Jr.

Abstract: The collection consists of a 90-page history of the first 23 years of the St. Louis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, an African American fraternity.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

On April 19, 1921, a group of St. Louis-area African American college graduates organized the St. Louis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, an African American men's fraternity with chapters across the United States. Notable members include Dr. Roscoe Haskell and W.H.J. Beckett, as well as Kenneth Billups, a musician and educator at Sumner High School who founded The Legend Singers and promoted many talented students, including mezzo-soprano Grace Bumbry. St. Louis Alumni member Leon W. Steward established the Guide Right Program in 1922 to provide college scholarships and economic opportunities for underprivileged youth in the St. Louis area. In 1985, the St. Louis Alumni Chapter created the Guide Right Foundation of St. Louis Inc. to continue the work of the program's philanthropic efforts in the St. Louis Region. The St. Louis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity remains active in the St. Louis region, sponsoring networking events, banquets, and an annual golf tournament to raise funds for the Guide Right Foundation's scholarship program.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a xeroxed copy of the History of St. Louis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, written by Rufus Young Jr. Included in the history is biographical information about members and leaders of the St. Louis chapter from 1921-1953. Young highlights the chapter's history and events, such as banquets and sporting events, accompanied by photographs. An index of member's names appears on pages 88-90.

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