



Guide to the Wayne State University Arab Fraternity Records WSR002058

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Title:	Wayne State University Arab Fraternity Records
ID:	WSR002058
Date [inclusive]:	1920-1986
Physical Description:	0.5 Linear Feet (1 MB)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	<p>These records contain files of the Arab Fraternity that was active at Wayne State University between 1921 to the 1970s. The bulk of the records are from the 1930s and 1940s. The Arab Fraternity was active when the university was known as the Detroit Junior College, subsequently called the College of the City of Detroit, Wayne University and currently Wayne State University. Documents include a minute book, ledgers, receipts, bank statements, newsletters, a directory, and correspondence. This collection centers on a fraternity that was active at what is now known as Wayne State University and a part of the student life fabric. The material provides information on a group that in part offered male students at the university to develop leadership skills, be social on their campus, and also to connect with other student groups on the campus. According the minute book of 1920 to 1921, the name of the fraternity was first known as the "Friars", voted in their second-ever meeting on December 27, 1921. They subsequently decided to change their name to the "Arabs" at their meeting of February 2, 1922 - "(the "Name") Committee reported that the name of "Friars" should be changed to "Arabs" inasmuch as this name was better suited and had a deeper meaning than the former one. His report was unanimously accepted and President Kirby proclaimed us to the Arab Fraternity for all time (name can't be changed)". Further of note is that Wayne State University President George E. Gullen, Jr., who served as WSU President from 1971-1978, was active with the Arab Fraternity. Further – at some point – although it is not entirely clear when – the Arab Fraternity changed its name to Phi Gamma Chi.</p>

Citation Style

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Arrangement

LEVEL 1* Folders are arranged chronologically.

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Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

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Rules for Use of Archival Materials. Wayne State University Arab Fraternity Records.

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Related Materials

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Controlled Access Headings

- Wayne State University--History.
- Wayne State University--Students.

- Fraternities

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Minute Book, 1921-1923	Box 1	Folder 1
Receipts, Notes - 1930-1931, 1943-1946, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 2
Ledger, 1932-1936	Box 1	Folder 3
Bank Statements, 1934-1935	Box 1	Folder 4
Ledger, 1935-1936	Box 1	Folder 5
Receipt Books, 1935-1936	Box 1	Folder 6
Receipts, 1935-1937	Box 1	Folder 7
Arabian Fraternity Newsletter 1945	Box 1	Folder 8
Arab Fraternity Directory, 1963	Box 1	Folder 9
Arab Fraternity Correspondence, 1984 and 1986	Box 1	Folder 10