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➤Helen and Elmer Lang Collection, 1920 to 1967◀
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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Helen Williams was born in the Toledo area in 1904 to Thadeus and Rena (Momany) Williams and was a decedent of the family of early Toledo settler, Peter Navarre. She attended Branville School and graduated from Waite High School.

During the 1920s, Ms. Williams attended the University of Toledo and was a founding member of Psi Chi Phi Sorority. In 1926, she was elected vice president of the sorority. This group later became Psi Chi Beta, and consisted of alumni of Psi Chi Phi after the sorority affiliated with the Delta Delta Delta national sorority in 1941.

Psi Chi Phi was founded at the University of Toledo on March 4th, 1924 to “stimulate a keen spirit of friendship among its members and an active interest in the functions of the University.” It became the Phi Alpha chapter of Delta Delta Delta at a ceremony at the Commodore Perry Hotel in November 18, 1944.

Helen Williams met and married Elmer Lang while attending UT in the late 1920s. Mr. Lang was a member of Phi Kappa Chi Fraternity and active in the Men’s Glee Club and on the staff of the Campus Collegian.

Mrs. Lang became a teacher for Toledo Public Schools, retiring in 1967, then a teacher at the Epiphany Nursery School for five years. She was also a member of the Hope Lutheran Church and the University of Toledo Alumni Association.

The Langs had two children: Richard C. (who died in 1972), and Judy.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection contains miscellaneous items documenting the college and social activities of Helen and Elmer Lang. The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Included are two scrapbooks documenting the activities of Psi Chi Phi and its successor, Psi Chi Beta. Also included are scattered copies of its publication, "Poppy Seeds"; photographs from Psi Chi Beta's twenty-fifth Founder's Day Banquet in 1948; scattered correspondence with members; and annual luncheon programs from 1948-1949 and 1950-1951. Publications of the groups list members, activities, and community services. A folder of miscellaneous newspaper clippings and photographs document events in the lives of members, especially weddings and engagements.

Three items document the UT activities of Elmer Lang. These include a program from the first Phi Kappa Chi homecoming banquet, a poster of signatures from Phi Kappa Chi members dated February 4, 1936, and a certificate of university service awarded to Mr. Lang in 1923-1924 for his participation in the Men's Glee Club and Campus Collegian.

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Folder List

Box	Folder	Item Description
1	1	Certificate of University Services, Elmer Lang 1924
1	2	Correspondence, Psi Chi Beta 1963-1967
1	3	Miscellaneous Photographs and Clippings 1920-1960
1	4	Phi Kappa Chi homecoming banquet program 1927
1	5	Phi Kappa Chi poster of member signatures 1936
1	6	Psi Chi Beta annual luncheon program 1948-1950
1	7	Psi Chi Beta "Poppy Seeds" 1956-1969
1	8	Psi Chi Beta yearly programs 1945-1960
1	9	Psi Chi Phi "Poppy Seeds" 1942
Vol. 1		Scrapbook, Psi Chi Beta, 1939-1971
Vol. 2		Scrapbook, Psi Chi Phi, 1925-1938
1	10	Souvenir photos, Psi Chi Beta Founders Day, 1948