

**An Inventory of University Records  
Sigma Upsilon Sorority Historical Collection**

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**Title:** An Inventory of University Records, Sigma Upsilon Sorority, ca.1905-2005

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**Creator or Collector:** Nicholls, Betty M. Leach.

**Size:** 1.5 linear feet (1 box)

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**Abstract:**

This collection documents the history of the Gamma Chapter of Sigma Upsilon Sorority (Denver, Colorado) and the Sigma Upsilon Alumni of Southern Colorado.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection documents the history of the Gamma Chapter of Sigma Upsilon Sorority ( Denver, Colorado) and the Sigma Upsilon Alumni of Southern Colorado. Items for the Gamma Chapter of Sigma Upsilon Sorority (Denver, Colorado) includes a scrapbook, minutes, membership/officers lists, treasurer's reports, photographs, programs, as well as artifacts. Items for the Sigma Upsilon Alumni of Southern Colorado chapter include minutes, the constitution, membership lists, and treasurer's reports.

**Biography of Betty M. Leach Nicholls:**

Betty M. Leach Nicholls graduated from Colorado State College (now the University of Northern Colorado) in the summer of 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts (Teacher Preparation) in Physical Education.

Sources consulted:

Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado. *Commencement Program Summer of 1962.*

**Historical Note:**

Sigma Upsilon Sorority was founded at the State Normal School of Colorado (now the University of Northern Colorado) on October 31, 1905. Sigma Upsilon became associated with Sigma Kappa (Gamma Alpha Chapter), a national sorority on November 4-5, 1950.

Alumni of Colorado State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Colorado) organized a Denver Chapter in 1918. This organization was in existence until at least 2005.

Alumni of Colorado State Teachers College organized the Sigma Upsilon Alumni of Southern Colorado in 1925. This organization was in existence until at least 1944/1945.

Sources consulted:

"Social Greek Gab." *The Mirror*, Oct. 6, 1950, p. 6.

**Arrangement (required for multiple level collections):**

This collection is organized into the following series:

Series 1: Gamma Chapter (Denver, Colorado)

Series 2: Sigma Upsilon Alumni of Southern Colorado

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**Locations of Originals (if applicable):**

**Acquisition Information (if applicable):**

A gift of Betty M. Leach Nicholls on March 4, 2005.

Documentation relating to the acquisition is on file in Archives, RG 13 S1 F1.

**Subjects:**

Nicholls, Betty M. Leach.

Colorado State Teachers College (Greeley, Colo.). Sigma Upsilon Sorority.

Sigma Upsilon. Gamma Chapter (Denver, Colorado).

Sigma Upsilon. Local Chapter (Colorado State Normal School).

Sigma Upsilon. Local Chapter (Colorado State Teachers College).

Sigma Upsilon. Local Chapter (Colorado State College of Education).

Sigma Upsilon Alumni of Southern Colorado, 1925-1944/1945.

**Inventory:**

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 0	Box 1	Folder 0 – Finding Aid	Finding Aid
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 1	Folder 1 -- Scrapbook	Scrapbook, 1918-1988
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 1	Folder 2 - Minutes	Minutes, 1954-1972. 3 black date books.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 1	Folder 3 - Minutes	Minutes, 1972-1976. Loose pages.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 1	Folder 4 - Minutes	Minutes, 1976-1978. Loose pages.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 1	Folder 5 – Membership & Officer Lists, etc.	Membership & Officer Lists, etc., 1980/1981-1997/1998. 1 blue notebook.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 2	Folder 5a– Membership & Officer Lists, etc.	Membership List, 1905-2005. 4p. Lists active, inactive and deceased members.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 2	Folder 6 – Programs	Programs, 1977-1994 (Incomplete)

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 2	Folder 7 -- Clippings	Clippings. (Photocopies).
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 2	Folder 8 -- Photographs	Sigma Upsilon members. Photograph (panorama view of members), b/w, 47 $\frac{1}{3}$ "x3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". (Rolled up). These photographs appear in the 1917 <i>Cache La Poudre</i> student year book.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 2	Folder 8 -- Photographs	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual opening of Baldpate, May 24 <sup>th</sup> 1936. Photograph, b/w, 5"x7". Baldpate is a reference to the The Baldpate Inn in Estes Park, Colorado.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 2	Folder 8 -- Photographs	Bonnie Bonham Price, 1935-1939. Photograph by The Martins, Greeley, Colorado. Photograph, b/w, 3"x4". Folder, 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ "x 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ ".
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 2	Folder 9 -- Artifacts	[Napkin Ring]. Sterling silver, engraved with Greek letters for Sigma Alpha. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter. n.d.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 2	Folder 9 -- Artifacts	Sigma Upsilon. Greek letters, wood.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 1	Box 2	Folder 9 -- Artifacts	Sigma Upsilon Summer Party, August 19, 1950. Program, paper, 3 pages.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 2	Box 2	Folder 10 -- Sigma Upsilon Alumni of Southern Colorado	Sigma Upsilon Alumni of Southern Colorado, October 1, 1925-March 12, 1941. 1 bound book. Includes primarily minutes, but also the Constitution, Membership Lists, and Treasurer's Reports.
Sigma Upsilon Sorority	SC 93	Series 2	Box 2	Folder 10 -- Sigma Upsilon Alumni of Southern Colorado	Sigma Upsilon Sorority Treasurer's Reports, November 1929-March 12, 1941. 1 black composition book. Includes primarily treasurer's reports but also membership lists as well as a list of meetings [and hostesses], 1943-1945.