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ABSTRACT

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SERIES: University History - Sororities

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FOCUS DATES: 1940s-1980s

ABSTRACT:

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Family background; education level of parents; starting Newcomb college of Tulane University; honors scholarship; living in the dorms; curfew; music major; invitation to rush; criteria in looking for members; choosing Phi Mu; parties in the chapter rooms; initiation; memorable activities and events; activities of Phi Mu chapter; married members in sororities; becoming active with LSU's Phi Mu Chapter; decision to have sorority houses at LSU; choosing an architect; drawing the plans for the Phi Mu house; choosing a lot; drawing numbers; university involvement with the building process; obtaining money to build; drawing new plans for the house; university limit on money spent on the house; floor plans and size of bedrooms; cooperation among sororities with sharing information during building process; additions to the house; labor strike during house construction; choosing the house mother; opening the houses; house rules; maids and cooks; rush at LSU prior to the houses; skits; Phi Mu philosophy; peak of sororities; changing attitudes of sororities and future members; National Panhellenic Conference; fraternity parties; living in the house and house size; group cooperation; future role of activities.

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