

**Guide to the
Louise Ramer '29 Chi Omega Collection**



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MS – 108: Papers of Louise Ramer, '29

(1 box, .22 cubic feet)

Inclusive Dates: 1929-1995

Bulk Dates: 1929-1945

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Provenance

The papers of Louise Ramer were given by Josie Brownley, '52, in 2006.

Biography

N. Louise Ramer was raised in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where she attended high school and eventually college. A member of the Gettysburg College class of 1929 and mathematics major, Ramer was involved in Greek life, the Y.W.C.A., French Club, the Owl and Nightingale Players, and was the Treasurer of the Student Body at Gettysburg College. She was a member of Gamma Phi, a local sorority that was installed as a Chi Omega chapter in 1937. Ramer remained active in Gamma Phi, participating in the transition to Chi Omega, working as a national officer and staying involved particularly with the Tau Delta chapter at Gettysburg College. This collection reflects her involvement in Chi Omega. Ramer participated in a number of conferences and planning committees, and she established an alumnae chapter for Chi Omega in Gettysburg.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection contains a number of different materials, including a scrapbook and photographs, newspaper clippings, letters, publications, and programs from both Tau Delta chapter and the national sorority. A majority of these materials are from the 1930's and 1940's, when Gamma Phi became Chi Omega. They focus on a number of events, including the installation banquet, a national conference, and an anniversary dinner, and many are associated with the Alumnae Chapter Ramer helped to establish in Gettysburg. Ramer was a national officer in Chi Omega at the time, and involved in planning a number of these events, and her scrapbook includes photographs, programs and menus from the Chi Omega National Convention in 1938. This collection would be useful to anyone interested in the history of Greek life on campus, the Chi Omega sisterhood, or how sororities operated in the early to mid 20th century.

Series Description

This collection is divided into six Series. **Series 1:** Scrapbook and photographs, **Series 2:** Programs and booklets, **Series 3:** Letters *Sub-Series A:* Anniversary Dinner correspondence & *Sub-Series B:* Correspondence from Mary Love Collins, **Series 4:** Ephemera, **Series 5:** Publications, **Series 6:** Newspaper Articles

Box 1

1-1 Finding Aid and Biographical Information

Series 1—Scrapbook and Photographs

1-2 Photograph of Tau Delta chapter sisters, Chi Omega charter year, January 9, 1937

Composite Photograph, Chi Omega sisters in 1950

Scrapbook including publications, announcements, advertisements, correspondences, programs, menus, notes and photographs from the Chi Omega convention at The Sagamore, Lake George, New York, 1938

Series 2—Programs and Booklets

1-3 Chi Omega Alumni Group Calendar, 1937-1938

Program and Menu for the Installation Banquet of Tau Delta Chapter, January 9, 1937

Program for Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter, Gettysburg, PA, 1940-1941

Program for Chi Omega Chapter of Gettysburg College, 1942-1943

Envelope, Chi Omega Fiftieth Anniversary, April 5, 1945

Program and Menu for Fiftieth Anniversary of Tau Delta Chapter, April 25, 1987

Program and Menu for Chi Omega Centennial Banquet, 1995

Booklet, "Tau Delta of Chi Omega," includes chapter history and installation details

Booklet, "Constitution and Songs of Gamma Phi"

Booklet, "The Woman's League of Gettysburg College"

Programs, Schedule and Invitation for the Silver Anniversary of Mother's Weekend, 1950

Series 3—Letters

1-4 *Correspondence from Mary Love Collins*

March 17, 1937—Letter to Alumnae, letter to be read at the first alumnae chapter meeting, about Fireside Conferences that Chi Omega holds

April 12, 1937—Letter to Louise Ramer, information about badges and the National Achievement Award (envelope included)

April 19, 1937—Letter to Louise [Ramer], discussing the possibility of establishing an alumnae chapter in Gettysburg (envelope included)

May 21, 1937—Letter to Louise Ramer, how to file a petition for an alumnae chapter (envelope included)

June 10, 1937—Letter to Louise [Ramer], regarding Ramer's petition for an alumnae chapter for Gettysburg (envelope included)

June 14, 1937—Letter to Louise [Ramer], organizing a Fireside Conference in Gettysburg (envelope included)

October 31, 1939—Letter to Alumnae Advisors, information about a report on previous Fireside Conferences (envelope included)

December 28, 1939—Two letters to Alumnae Advisors and Chi Omega respectively, about publicity policies, what is desirable and undesirable publicity for the sorority (envelope included)

March 11, 1941—Letter to Alumnae Advisors, information regarding date, place, expenses and discussions for Fireside Conference (envelope included)

April 28, 1941—Letter to Louise Kramer [Ramer], information about the presentation of the National Achievement Award, planning a reception

April 30, 1945—Letter to Alumnae Advisory Committee, provides information about rushing and includes a data from other chapters about the method of choosing pledges

1-5 *Anniversary Dinner Correspondence*

September 30, 1944—Letter from Mary Love Collins to Louise Ramer, information regarding preliminary plans for the anniversary dinner, asking Ramer to be an anniversary dinner chairman

November 14, 1944—Letter from Lola Jeffries Hanavan to Louise Ramer, agenda and further information for planning the anniversary dinner

January 15, 1945—Letter from Lola Jeffries Hanavan to Dinner Chairmen, further plans for anniversary dinner, including committees and the program

January 25, 1945—Letter from Mary Love Collins to Dinner Chairmen, information about items to be distributed at anniversary dinner, expected number of attendees, song choices, et cetera

March 1, 1945—Letter from Mary Love Collins to Dinner Chairmen, delivery plans for newspapers to be distributed at anniversary dinner, information on dinner program, suggestions for publicity, and encouragement

March 16, 1945—Letter from Mary Love Collins to Anniversary Chairmen, supplementary information for dinner planning

April 2, 1945—Letter from Lola Jeffries Hanavan to Dinner Chairmen, speech to be read at Golden Anniversary Dinner Program

Series 4: Ephemera

1-6 Report—"The Scholastic Rating of the Gettysburg College Student Body for the First Semester, 1937-1938" (envelope included)

Pledge Ceremony Script for Gamma Phi Sorority (4 pgs.)

"A Brief History of Gamma Phi Local Sorority of Gettysburg College"

"Tau Delta Chapter Initiation Ceremonies Financial Statement," February 1, 1937

"Rules for Forming an Alumnae Chapter"

Series 5: Publications

1-7 *Micrope*, March 4, 1929 (2 pgs.)

Procope, Vol. VI, May 1932

The Chi-Ote, Vol. 1, June 1939

The Chi-Ote, Vol. 2, May 1940

The Owl, Fiftieth Anniversary Edition, April 5, 1945 (3 copies)

The Owl, Hundredth Anniversary Edition, April 5, 1985

The Chi-Ote, 1943

Series 6—Newspaper Articles

1-8 Article, "Local Sorority to be Admitted to Chi Omega," *The Gettysburg Times*, January 8, 1937

Article, "54 Initiated as Gamma Phi Sorority Joins Chi Omega," *The Gettysburg Times*, January 9, 1937

Clipping, "Sorority Dinner on Anniversary," most likely from 1945

Article, "Chi Omega celebrates anniversary," *The Times*, May 4, 1987

Removed from Collection

None

For more information about Louise Ramer '29 Chi Omega Collection

Spectrum, 1927-1930