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**Abstract**

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**History**

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During its early years the organization was not a Greek fraternity but a “literary society,” as were the other such organizations on campus. During World War II, the fraternity gave up its identity and banded together with the other fraternities to keep the spirit of the Greek organizations alive while so many of the men were serving their country. In the fall of 1946, Cosmos again resumed their own identity to promote the ideals of friendship, progress, and truth.

**Scope and Content**

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**Container List**

- Anniversary booklet, 1990
- Annual Banquet, 1914, 1924
- Annual Ladies Night, 1918, 1928, 1931
Annual Stag, 1929
Background Material, 1905-2006 (2 folders)
Certificate of Membership for Edwin R. Bredewey, 1954
Constitution, 1927, 1931, 1989
*Cosmopolitan Alumni Bulletin*, May 1936
Correspondence
  - Center for Women in Transition, 1991
  - Hope College, 1991
  - Rob Pocock, Faculty Advisor, 1991
Funeral, 1997
Homecoming, 1990
Invitations
  - Reception for Dr. S. I. Hemenway, 1991
  - Weddings, 1998
Member Invitation, n.d., 1927, 1938
Newsletters, 1990, 1991 (also see oversized items)
Newspaper Clippings, 1967-1996
Photographs
  - Homecoming, 1935-1936 (2 images)
  - Hope College Pull, 1935 (8 images)
  - House, 1937 (1 image)
Members
  - Groups, n.d., 1935, 1938 (2 images)
  - Individuals, 1938 (2 images)
Pledge Manual, 1963
Rush, Calendars and Flyers, 1987-1992
Songs, n.d., 1962
Oversized Items
  - *The Lance* newsletter, March 1958
  - *Cosmo Times* (Cosmo Alumni Association) newsletter, January 1984