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Summary Information

Repository:	University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Messer, Tekla Sparks
Title:	Tekla Sparks papers
ID:	UA.10.3.292
Date [inclusive]:	1923-1926
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Language of the Material:	English .

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Biographical Note

Tekla Sparks was member of the freshmen class of 1924 at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University). During her freshmen year she was an active member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. This sorority had been established two years prior in the year of 1922. Her photograph is pictured in the 1924 Wolverine yearbook in the freshmen class section and in the photograph of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Tekla Sparks was enrolled in the 1925-1926 academic year and is pictured once again as active sophomore member of the sorority in the 1926 yearbook. In the next several yearbooks, Tekla Sparks is not mentioned. It is not clear if she ever graduated from the college.

Tekla Spark's husband, Arthur M. Messer, was part of the freshmen class of 1923 at Michigan Agricultural College. Arthur M. Messer became part of the Olympic Local Collegiate Society during his sophomore year of 1924 and continued for both his 1925 junior year and his 1926 senior year. This fraternity was first established at the college in the year of 1885. Arthur M. Messer is not pictured in any of the class photographs from the Wolverine yearbooks from

1923 to 1926, but he is included in the pictures of the Olympic Local Collegiate Society in all of those yearbooks.

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of photographs, pamphlets, various handbooks, music programs, a commencement program, and other printed materials.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Balls (Parties)
- College students -- Michigan -- East Lansing
- Commencement ceremonies -- Michigan -- East Lansing
- Fraternal organizations
- Greek letter societies
- Handbooks
- Pamphlets
- Photographs
- Programs (Publications)
- Shaw, R. S. (Robert Sidey), 1871-1953
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Messer, Arthur M.
- Michigan Agricultural College
- Michigan State University. Junior Hop

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs	drawer MSU	Photos
Students. Activities. J-Hop		
Students. Organizations. Alpha Gamma Delta		
Concert Programs, 1923-1926	drawer F.D	folder 1
Pamphlets. Printed Materials	drawer F.D	folder 2
Sport Schedules, 1923-1926	drawer F.D	folder 3
Student Handbooks and Guides, 1923-1924	drawer F.D	folder 4