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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
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Historical Note

The Tower Guard is a sophomore honor society that selects its members from the top two percent of freshmen with the highest grade point average. The group started in 1933 as the female honor society, the Q girls. It was intended as an offshoot of the MSU Sphinx Chapter of Mortar Board, a senior honor society. In 1934, members of the faculty convinced the Q girls to change their name to the Tower Guard. In 1977, Tower Guard also began inducting men as a result of Title IX.

The Tower Guard works for the advancement of the student body at MSU. Members have performed such services as working at registration, reading for the blind, as well as other services for students with disabilities.

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Scope and Content

The records of the Tower Guard consist of minutes, reports, correspondence, memos, agendas, and scrapbooks. The records have been created by the students in the organization and are rather informal and vary in their content. In addition, there are a large number of undated records.

The minute book contains a brief history of the Tower Guard and minutes of the meetings from 1933 to 1944. The administrative folder contains the Articles of the Tower Guard and the Preamble. The agendas folder details what was planned for the meetings. The correspondence and memos folders contain letters or memos that were sent to members and officers, and items received by the group from university offices. The functions folder hold records that relate to events the Tower Guard were involved in. The handbooks folder contains articles and constitutions, member lists for those years, and songs. The history of Tower Guard folder contains background information on the group, a program for a commemorative dinner, pledges, a photocopy of certificate of membership, and the song "Tower Guard Dream Girl." The members folder contains lists of members of the Tower Guard. The minutes folder contain minutes of Tower Guard meetings. The registration folder contains information on Tower Guard members working at registration. The Tower Guard registration folder has information regarding the registration of the group to be recognized as a student organization.

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Controlled Access Headings

- People with disabilities -- Services for
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- Reports
- College students -- Michigan -- East Lansing
- Account books
- Letters (correspondence)
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Newsletters -- Newsletters
- Minutes (administrative records)
- Handbooks
- Photographs
- Constitutions
- Scrapbooks
- Programs (Publications) -- Programs (Publications)
- Michigan State University. Students
- Michigan State University. Beaumont Tower
- Michigan State College. Students. Societies, etc
- Michigan State University. Students. Societies, etc
- Michigan State College. Students

Collection Inventory

Papers

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Title/Description	Instances	
5th Annual Leadership Conference, January 24, 1987	box 3000	folder 9
Accounts, May 1961-April 1985	box 3000	folder 29
Accounts book, June 1957-July 1979	box 3000	folder 1
Administrative, 1971, 1977, Undated	box 1766H	folder 2
Agendas, 1983-1985, Undated	box 1766H	folder 3
Beaumont Tower tour, 1968-1969	box 3000	folder 30
Calendar and Activities, 1955-1988	box 3000	folder 32
Camp out at Camp Tuhsmehta information, 1987	box 3000	folder 5
Cards, 1971, Undated	box 1766H	folder 4
Committee Reports, 1951-1969	box 3000	folder 33
Constitutions, circa 1956, 1970, 1971, undated	box 3000	folder 34
Correspondence and memos, 1972-1984, Undated	box 1766H	folder 5
Correspondence, July 1957-May 1991	box 3000	folder 36
End of year gift, 1967-1981	box 1766H	folder 6
Functions, 1985-1986, Undated	box 1766H	folder 7
Guestbook – Homecoming Weekend Open house, October 27, 1990	box 3000	folder 10
Handbooks		
Handwritten copy with Ritual, Constitution, Bylaws and Membership lists, 1936-1960	box 3000	folder 35
1954, 1955	box 1766H	folder 8
1956, 1957	box 6377	folder 1
1959, 1962	box 6377	folder 2
1963, 1964	box 6377	folder 3
1968	box 6377	folder 5
circa 1973	box 6377	folder 6
Handwritten notes	box 3000	folder 43
History, 1984, Undated	box 1766H	folder 9
Initiation and Tapping: reports, programs, and correspondence, 1950-1988	box 3000	folder 37
Initiation, 1978, 1983, Undated	box 1766H	folder 10
Lantern Night, 1964, 1971	box 1766H	folder 11

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Loose materials from List of Members scrapbook (homecoming open house instructions, list of members 1980, letter, 1957), 1957, 1980, undated	box 3000	folder 45
May Morning Sing, 1961-1985, Undated	box 1766H	folder 12
Meeting agendas and minutes, 1986-1987	box 3000	folder 4
Meeting agendas and minutes, 1957-1988	box 3000	folder 38
Members, 1933-1984, Undated	box 1766H	folder 13
Membership lists and constitution, 1986-1987	box 3000	folder 2
Membership lists, 1964-1991	box 3000	folder 39
Minute book, 1933-1944	box 1766H	folder 1
Minutes, 1976, 1978, 1983, Undated	box 1766H	folder 14
Newsletters, 1964-1988	box 3000	folder 40
Newsletters, 1981-1985, Undated	box 1766H	folder 15
Newsletters, 1986-1987	box 3000	folder 7
Officer reports, 1960-1987	box 3000	folder 41
Reading for the Blind Program, Braille Christmas Cards, Workshops, 1960-1970	box 3000	folder 31
Reading for the blind, 1970-1971, 1981, Undated	box 1766H	folder 16
Registration, 1956-1971	box 3000	folder 42
Registration, 1968-1983	box 1766H	folder 17
Registration, 1986	box 3000	folder 3
Reports, 1970-1984, Undated	box 1766H	folder 18
Selection and induction, 1986-1987	box 3000	folder 6
Songs, 1945, undated	box 6377	folder 7
Student organization information, 1957-1965	box 3000	folder 43
Student organization information, 1986-1987	box 3000	folder 8
Tower Guard registration, 1970-1981	box 1766H	folder 19
Tutoring, 1945	box 1766H	folder 20
Tutoring, 1956-1963	box 3000	folder 44
Vice President		
Membership lists (newspaper clippings), 1992-2009	box 3000	folder 11
May Morning Sing programs, 1995-2010	box 3000	folder 12
Receipts, 1998-2002	box 3000	folder 13

Correspondence, 1997-2008	box 3000	folder 14
Initiation programs, 2000-2002	box 3000	folder 15
Brochures and programs, Undated	box 3000	folder 16
Photographs, Undated	box 3000	folder 17

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Scrapbooks

Title/Description	Instances	
1951-1952	box 3002	
1955-1956	box 3001	
1955-1956	box 3011	
1957	box 3001	
1959-1960	box 3015	
1960-1961	box 3014	
1961-1962	box 3013	
1962-1963	box 3008	
1964-1965	box 5483	
1965-1966	box 3016	
1966-1967	box 3016	
1967-1968	box 3012	
1970-1971	box 3000	folder 18
1978-1979	box 3006	
1979-1980	box 5483	
1981-1982	box 3005	
1982-1983	box 3003	
List of members [see Box 3000 folder 45 for loose materials from scrapbook- list of members, homecoming open house instructions, letter], 1982, 1984-1986	box 5483	
1983-1984	box 3000	folder 19
1985-1986	box 5482	
1986-1987	box 3017	
1987-1988	box 3007	
1988-1989		

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	box 3018	
1990-1991	box 3010	
1991-1992	box 3000	folder 20-21
1992-1993	box 3004	
1993-1994	box 3000	folder 22-23
1994-1995	box 3000	folder 24-26
1996-1997	box 3000	folder 27-28
1997-1998	box 3009	
1999-2000	box 5483	
2001-2002	box 5483	
2003-2004	box 5483	
2004-2005	box 5482	
2009-2010	box 5532	
2011-2012	box 5532	

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Photographs - Members, 1960, 1981	box 6377	folder 8
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