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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title:	Michigan Technological University Blue Key Honor Society Records
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Physical Description:	4.48 Cubic Feet 10 manuscript boxes, 2 flat boxes, and 5 oversize folders
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Mixed Materials [box]:	1-5
Mixed Materials [box]:	6
Mixed Materials [box]:	7-9
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Mixed Materials [box]:	11
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Abstract:	Records, 1931-2022, of the Blue Key Honor Society chapter at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan.

Preferred Citation

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Biography

Until the name change to Blue Key Honor Society on February 7, 2003, Blue Key was known as Blue Key International Honor Fraternity and Blue Key National Honor Fraternity before that. The founder, Major Bert C. Riley, noted that Blue Key evolved from a faith in the sincerity and ability of college students. In the fall of 1924 at the University of Florida, he built the foundation for an honor fraternity dedicated to service. He believed that worthwhile progress should be accomplished through the orderly process of evolution and not revolution. He believed that students are willing to accept responsibility, cooperate with faculty and fellow students to create lofty ideas and attitudes, and improve student life and welfare that benefits the institution, the community, and the nation. Members support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and abide by the principles of good citizenship. Support for the constitution is further enhanced by support for the family and religious institutions of society. Blue Key started with twenty-five outstanding student leaders, who by election or attainment, held places of prominence and confidence in the student body.

The Michigan Tech Chapter of Blue Key Honor Society is considered one of the top chapters in the United States and is recognized for its efforts in managing Michigan Technological University's annual Winter Carnival and other events such as the Clair M. Donovan Award. This chapter of Blue Key is divided into six different committees and the Executive Board. Each committee is responsible for a different aspect of Winter Carnival.

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Collection Scope and Content Summary

Records, 1931-2022, of the Blue Key Honor Society chapter at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. Includes constitution and procedures, minutes, pledge book and ledgers; as well as scrapbooks, photographs, and ephemera. Also included are records pertaining to the Michigan Technological University's Winter Carnival, managed by the Blue Key Honor Society. Records include reports, promotional material, scrapbooks, as well as banners created by fraternities, sororities, and other groups on campus for the carnival. several t-shirts and a goblet.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Related materials providing documentation of the Winter Carnival found in this repository includes: MTU-125: Michigan Technological University Winter Carnival Slides, MTU-167: Michigan Technological University Winter Carnival Collection, MTU-181: Michigan College of Mining and Technology Winter Carnival Photograph Collection, MTU-208: Winter Carnival Contest Photograph Collection, MTU-219: Michigan College of Mining and Technology Winter Carnival Scrapbook, and MTU-220: Michigan Technological University Winter Carnival Photograph Collection.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Photographs
- Winter Carnival (Michigan Technological University (Houghton, Mich.))
- Universities and colleges -- Societies, etc.
- Houghton (Mich.)
- Minutes
- Scrapbooks
- Memorabilia
- DVDs
- Clothing

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Awards, 2004-2019	box 7	folder 1
The Blue Key Journal, 1992	box 9	folder 1
Constitution statutes of procedure, 1978, 1982 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence, 1985, 1999 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 1	folder 2
Ephemera, undated <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 1	folder 3
Guide for chapter procedure, undated <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 1	folder 4
Initiation banquet information, 1970-1993	box 7	folder 2
Initiation oath, undated	box 7	folder 3
Initiation pin, undated	box 11	item 1
Initiation banquet programs, 1939-2008	box 7	folder 4
Official code, 1964	box 9	folder 2
Pledge book, 1931-1940 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 1	folder 5
Ledgers, 1983-1998	box 3-4	
Meeting minutes, 1932-1940, 1957-1967	box 1	volume 1-2

Language of the Material: English.

Membership rosters and contacts, circa 1984-1987 box 1 folder 6

Winter carnival, 1956-2018

Language of the Material: English.

Title/Description	Instances	
Articles, 1993	box 9	folder 3
Carnival history, circa 1968 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 2	folder 1
General chairman's report, 1956 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 2	folder 2
General files, 1936-1973	box 9	folder 6-24
General files, 1974-1982	box 10	folder 1-9
Glassware report, 1988	box 5	folder 1
Ice-capers of 1950, program, 1950 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 2	folder 3
Information guides and donor directories, 2003-2013	box 2	folder 4
Information guide and donor directory, 2016, 2020	box 7	folder 5
Judge profile cards, 1983-1984	box 7	folder 6-7
Newspaper clippings, 1985-1998	box 9	folder 4
Newspapers, 1956, 1961	folder 5	
Lapel pins, 1986-1993	box 11	item 2-7
Official carnival rules, regulations, point system, and awards, 1965-1969, 1971-1973 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 2	folder 5-12
Photographs, 1998	box 9	folder 5
Pocket guide and window cling, 2016	box 2	folder 14
Posters, undated	box 7	folder 8
President's report, 1987 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 2	folder 13
Promotional posters, proud sponsor, 2011-2015	folder 1	
Promotional posters, schedule of events, 2012-2016	folder 2	
Royalty coronation program, 2022	box 7	folder 9
Rulebooks, 1995-2015	box 7	folder 10-11

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Rulebooks, 1995-2015	box 8	folder 1
Schedule of events, 1989-2016	box 8	folder 2
Scrapbooks, 1959, 1961 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 2	folder 15-16
Skits and stage revue committee, 1979-1981 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 2	folder 17
Snow-Ball Committee reports, 1987-1990	box 5	folder 2
Snow statue maps and schedules, 2013-2016	box 2	folder 18
Solicitations and fund raising, circa 1992-1997 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 2	folder 19
Sponsor window clings, 2010-2022	box 8	folder 3
Statue maps, 2019-2020	box 8	folder 4
Stickers, 2020	box 8	folder 5
Ticket Committee correspondence, 1989-1991	box 5	folder 3
Ticket Committee reports, 1964-1979	box 5	folder 4
Winter Carnival banners, 2018	folder 3	
Winter Carnival statue map, poster, and Daily Mining Gazette program, 2022	folder 4	
Winter Carnival t-shirts, undated,1980-1981, 2001-2022	box 6	
World's Greatest Winter Carnival (DVD), undated	box 2	folder 20

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