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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Michigan Technological University Blue Key Honor Society Records
<b>ID:</b>	MTU-032
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1931-1999
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.8 Cubic Feet 2 manuscript boxes (letter and legal size)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Records, 1931-1997, of the Blue Key Honor Society chapter at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biography

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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

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Records, 1957-1973, of the Blue Key Honor Society chapter at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. Includes constitution and procedures, minutes, and pledge book; as well as scrapbooks, photographs, and reports of the Winter Carnival, managed by the Blue Key Honor Society; as well as several t-shirts and a goblet.

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## Administrative Information

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## Processing History

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## Related Materials

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### 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

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- Photographs
- Winter Carnival (Michigan Technological University (Houghton, Mich.))
- Universities and colleges -- Societies, etc.
- Houghton (Mich.)
- Minutes
- Scrapbooks
- Memorabilia
- DVDs
- Michigan Technological University. Blue Key Honor Society
- Lubinski, Jack

## Collection Inventory

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Constitution statutes of procedure, 1978, 1982 <u>Date</u> : 1978, 1982	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence, 1985, 1999 <u>Date</u> : 1985, 1999	box 1	folder 2
Ephemera, undated <u>Date</u> : undated	box 1	folder 3
Guide for chapter procedure, undated <u>Date</u> : undated	box 1	folder 4
Pledge book, 1931-1940 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1931-1940	box 1	folder 5
Meeting minutes, 1932-1940, 1957-1967 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1932-1940, 1957-1967	box 1	folder 6-7
Membership rosters and contacts, circa 1984-1987 <u>Date</u> : circa 1984-1987	box 1	folder 8

### Winter carnival, 1956-1997

Date [inclusive]: 1956-1997

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Carnival history, circa 1968 <u>Date</u> : circa 1968	box 2	folder 1
General chairman's report, 1956 <u>Date</u> : 1956	box 2	folder 2
Ice-capers of 1950, program, 1950 <u>Date</u> : 1950	box 2	folder 3
Official carnival rules, regulations, point system, and awards, 1965-1969, 1971-1973 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1965-1969, 1971-1973	box 2	folder 4-11
President's report, 1987 <u>Date</u> : 1987	box 2	folder 12
Scrapbooks, 1959, 1961 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1959, 1961	box 2	folder 13-14
Skits and stage revue committee, 1979-1981		

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1979-1981	box 2	folder 15
Solicitations and fund raising, circa 1992-1997	box 2	folder 16
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> circa 1992-1997		
World's Greatest Winter Carnival (DVD), undated	box 2	folder 17
<u>Date:</u> undated		

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