

Guide to the Records of the Epsilon Theta Fraternity at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology AC.0604

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Summary Information

Repository	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Institute Archives and Special Collections
Creator	Epsilon Theta (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Title	Epsilon Theta records
Date	circa 1998, 2011
Extent	0.3 cubic feet (1 manuscript box)
Location	Materials are stored off-site. Advance notice is required for use.
Language	English
Abstract	This collection was compiled by the Association of Independent Living Groups (AILG) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the MIT 150th Anniversary Archives Project. It includes a document composed of reports, photocopies of news clippings and yearbook pages, and a narrative about the history of Epsilon Theta fraternity at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Also included is a booklet, dated from the late 1990s, about the fundraising campaign to renovate the chapter house at 259 Saint Paul Street, Brookline.

Citation

Epsilon Theta records, AC 604. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Institute Archives and Special Collections, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Historical note

Epsilon Theta is a coeducational fraternity of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is located in Brookline. The house first formed as a chapter of Sigma Nu in 1922; in 1974 it separated from the national fraternity over the issue of allowing women to live in the house, and rechartered as Epsilon Theta in 1976. Between 20 and 30 men and women live in the house, and all members share equally in house duties including waiting at meals, driving to and from campus, and answering the telephone.

Although Epsilon Theta is a fraternity in name, it shares several characteristics of independent living groups (ILGs), and is a member of MIT's Living Group Council (LGC). In addition to accepting women as members, Epsilon Theta prohibits alcohol in the house during social events. House parties tend more towards being small and laid-back. "Not coffee" - typically chai and hot chocolate - is served on Thursday nights, and the social event requiring the most dress-up is the annual Halloween party.

From: Epsilon Theta Corporation, "MIT's Relationship with Epsilon Theta." (April 15, 2004).

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Epsilon Theta (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Subject(s)

- Student Life.

Collection Inventory

	Box
"Epsilon Theta Fraternity at MIT: Glimpses of Student Life through Chapter History" 2011	1
"The Campaign for 259" booklet circa 1998	1