

**S0699 WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS, INC., ST. LOUIS,
CHAPTER, ADDENDA, 1926-1983
68 FOLDERS, 33 PHOTOGRAPHS**

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Related collection: S0009 Women In Communications, Inc. St. Louis Chapter (1923-), Records, 1948-1979

Sheila Hoffmeister, member of Women in Communications, Inc., St. Louis Chapter, donated the records of Women in Communications, Inc., to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, University of Missouri-St. Louis in January, 1980.

Theta Sigma Phi was a national fraternity for women in journalism founded in 1909. The St. Louis Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi was organized in 1923. Besides providing a professional network for women journalists, Theta Sigma Phi was also involved in civic and professional activities. Thetas conducted publicity workshops, cosponsored the junior journalist contest with Sigma Delta Chi (the men's national fraternity for journalists), and published Grand Views for Veteran's Hospital in St. Louis as part of the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project. They donated books each Christmas to children's homes in the metropolitan area, and they taught writing-to-sell classes at University High School. In the 1970's the workshops and seminars focused on other media besides journalism and emphasized management and leadership training.

Since 1956, they have sponsored an annual spring luncheon, known as "Ladies of the Press," in which they honor women who have been in the news because of outstanding civic, professional or personal achievements. In 1964 they wrote and published the St. Louis Guidebook in commemoration of St. Louis' bicentennial. The national organization held two conventions in St. Louis, in 1955 and 1965. The 1965 convention focused on world peace. Convention Chair, Bea Adams, solicited responses from prominent women from around the world on how to achieve a lasting peace which they published in a booklet, Paths to Peace. Theta Sigma Phi changed its name in the 1970's. Women in Communications, Inc., included women from other media such as radio and TV and the emphasis on journalism and writing has shifted to mass (electronic) communications.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Women of Communications, Inc. Records contains information concerning WICI. The information includes by-laws, board meetings, annual conference information, committee information, workshop information, newsletters, news clippings, brochures, and correspondence.

This collection is divided into seven series: (1) Bylaws and Minutes (2) Correspondence (3) Financing (4) Memberships (5) News clippings and Publications (6) Subject Files (7)

Photographs

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1 - BYLAWS AND MINUTES

This series includes the bylaws and minutes of Women in Communications. This is arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

SERIES 2 CORRESPONDENCE

This series includes the correspondence of Women of Communications. This is arranged chronologically.

SERIES 3 FINANCING

This series includes the annual reports, balance sheet, budget planning, and treasurers' correspondence. This is arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

SERIES 4 MEMBERSHIPS

This series includes the membership applications, membership dues, and membership correspondence. This arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

SERIES 5 NEWS CLIPPINGS AND PUBLICATIONS

This series includes news clippings and publications. This arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

SERIES 6 SUBJECT FILES

This series includes topics of interest to Women in Communications, Inc. the national and local records. Examples include annual national meeting, journalism, press freedoms, publicity, scholarship, and women/ discrimination. Arranged alphabetically and chronologically

SERIES 7 PHOTOGRAPHS

This series includes thirty-three photographs of various social events, workshops, conventions of the Women in Communications, Inc. on the local and national level. See photo database for descriptions.

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