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Student Affairs

Student Papers and Scrapbooks

Benjamin Nelson Scrapbook, 1902, 1905-10, 1914-21, 1955-56, 1961, 1977-80

Box 1:

- 1 & 2 Color Sketches by "E. N."
 3 to 7 Published photographs of university scenes, including Altgeld Hall, street railway car
 8 & 9 Newspaper accounts of Sigma Nu victories in baseball games over other fraternities
 10 & 11 Ticket stubs for theater and Oct. 19, 1907 football game
 11 Illinois baseball schedule for 1908
 12 Ballot for Illinois Chapter of American Society for Heating and Ventilating Engineers election
 14 & 15 Group photographs on postcards of Gamma Mu chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity
 16 Photograph of fraternity members and sheep "one Sunday morn"
 17 Photograph of Sigma Nu fraternity house on postcard
 18 Group photograph at Sigma Nu informal dance, Oct. 1907
 19 Program for first annual senior mechanical engineering banquet, April 21, 1910
 20 Map of Tours, France showing American military installations, ca. 1917-18
 21 Sketch of the village of Monsaijeon, Dec. 15, 1918
 22 Autographed program for dinner at Sigma Nu, Mar. 8, 1908
 23 Group photograph of Sigma Nu members on balcony and porch of fraternity house "on a Sunday afternoon" in winter
 24 Portrait photograph of girl
 25 Strauch postcard photograph of Homecoming, 1915, Illinois-6, Minnesota-6.
 26 Group photograph of male college students
 27 American Legion membership card
 28 "The Three Founders" in front of Sigma Nu fraternity house
 29 Photograph of lounge at Sigma Nu "just before a party"
 30 Fraternity members on front porch steps "right after dinner"
 31 Snapshot of "Betty"
 32 Snapshot of four college students at Sun Dial and snapshot of coed
 33 Group photograph of Professor Rountree and four girls and six boys at the University
 34 Mrs. Imo Baker Bent and companion on horseback "during Easter vacation"
 35 Photograph of interior of Sigma Chi house (according to the camera of "Henry")
 36 Ticket "All for Trolley Day"
 37 Group photograph of Sigma Nu members, 1905-06
 38 Postcard photograph of Sigma Nu house at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana
 39 Program for 14th biannual convention of Sigma Nu, Chicago, Jan. 1, 1909
 40 Snapshot of lady and automobiles
 41 Newspaper clipping on 14th annual Sigma Nu convention banquet in Chicago
 42 Newspaper clipping on election of Grand Regent at Chicago convention of Sigma Nu

- 43 Newspaper clipping about the annual social party of the Gamma Mu chapter of Sigma Nu at the University of Illinois with notation that the program was given to the national fraternity headquarters at Lexington, Virginia
- 44 Note that program for national Sigma Nu convention December 31, 1908, January 1 & 2, 1909 at the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago was given to Sigma Nu national headquarters at Lexington Virginia
- 45 Welcome Goss ribbon
- 46 & 47 Extracts from printed Lincoln Day program addressed by President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard University
- 48 & 49 Halves of a group photograph of members of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers meeting on January 21, 1915
- 50 Rolled diploma for graduation of Benjamin Nelson from the McPherson Grammar School in Chicago, June 22, 1902
- 51 Rolled diploma for the graduation of Benjamin Nelson from Armour Scientific Academy, June 15, 1905
- 52 Program for reunion banquet for Gamma Mu of Sigma Nu, April 11, 1908
- 53 Program for Alpha Chi Omega social affair May 23, 1908
- 54 Birthday card for Edna, May 5, 1908
- 55 Program for 4th annual senior banquet, Sigma Nu, May 29, 1908
- 56 Ticket for Tramways de Tours, ca. 1918
- 57 Program for Sigma Nu senior party dance, May 22, 1908
- 58 & 59 Postcard photographs of folk dancers and crowing of the queen of May and the May Pole Dance
- 60 Postcard photograph of our stunt at the Interscholastic Circus from Edwina Rowe, Kappa Alpha Theta
- 61 Salesman's postcard for leather company
- 62 Letter from Reims, France, July 30, 1909
- 63 Five peso note from the State of Chihuahua conforming to a military decree of February 1914 with an advertisement for Spencer Heaters overprinted on the back
- 64 Postcard invitation in response for the Gamma Mu Sigma Nu reunion dinner, April 7, 1917 at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago
- 65 Hotel bill for the Bellevue Stratford in Philadelphia, January 28, 1921
- 66 19 snapshots, 1910-1920 of men and women in automobiles, groups, persons in military uniforms
- 67 14 negatives 1910-1920
- 68 Calling card of W. P. Spaulding, Champaign, Illinois, Major, 2nd Battalion Knights of Pythias
- 69 Photographic postcard of Color Rush, 1905-1906

- 70 Photographic postcard of military review for the Sophomore medal including Benjamin Nelson
- 71 Program for the University of Illinois Band Concert and photograph
- 72 Published Commencement Week photograph
- 73 Three stanza poem about the Union of the Blue and the Gray on the fields of France
- 74 Handbill for "A. Buck on Leave", the Big Winter Garden Show of France at the Trianon Theater for the officers, soldiers, and members of the AEF, ca. 1918
- 75 First Lt. Benjamin Nelson's baggage tag for shipment from the Port of New Orleans
- 76 Snapshot during Interscholastic, May 15, 1908
- 77 Snapshot of "Our Patroness"
- 78 Snapshot of Old Nine O Nine - a fraternity room
- 79 Snapshot of three students "yesterday, today, and tomorrow"
- 80 Doc and his "Peerless" of four students in automobile
- 81 Two students X '09s
- 82 Snapshot of "Joe"
- 83 Snapshot of "Captain Johnson and me"
- 84 Program for celebration dinner given by the Illini Club of Chicago for the Conference football champions of 191, December 20, 1919
- 85 Group photograph of Sigma Nu
- 86 Informal dance at chapter house, 1906
- 87 Program of entertainment for summer meeting of American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, Chicago, July 18-20, 1917
- 88 A spectator at Gamma Mu of Sigma Nu. Chapter Newsletter vol. 2 no. 1 December 10, 1907
- 89 Postcard photograph of varsity football team, 1908. Names on back
- 90 Postcard photograph of Sinnock of the football team
- 91 Postcard photograph of Percy Gumm of the football team
- 92 & 93 Ticket stubs for October 31, 1908 and Nov. 17, 1908 football games
- 94 Usher's ribbon for Northwestern-Illinois football game, November 21, 1908
- 95 Ticket for the Armory, December 5, 1910
- 96 A group photograph identified for Gamma Mu chapter of Sigma Nu, 1909-10
- 97 Postcard photograph "Mondays at Noon" of fraternity members standing on steps of house
- 98 Invitation to Sigma Nu dance, November 6, 1908
- 99 Program for Sigma Nu 5th annual Christmas banquet, December 17, 1908
- 100 Program for 7th Fall formal party of Sigma Nu, November 6, 1908
- 101 Program for Egyptian Club dance, December 5, 1908
- 102 Chicago Tribune cartoon "The Days of Real Sport"
- 103 Program for Sigma Nu 8th annual party, February 25, 1910 (page is in poor condition)
- 104 Program for Sigma Nu 7th annual party, February 26, 1909
- 105 Snapshot of house

- 106 Panhellenic baseball schedule, 1910
- 107 Photograph postcard portrait of Gamma Mu of Sigma Nu group
- 108 Advertising flyer for the Walker Opera House, April 1-2
- 109 Hotel bill for the Baltimore in New York, January 31, 1921
- 110 Program for Sigma Nu 6th annual homecoming banquet, October 30, 1915
- 111 Program for Sigma Nu 5th annual senior farewell banquet, May 27, 1909
Autographed
- 112 Hotel bill West Baden, Indiana, June 1
- 113 Two stanza poem "So What's the Use"
- 114 Photograph of "Is Cheese the Governor?" 1903-08 in room at fraternity house
- 115 Formal portrait of annual Sigma Nu dance, 1908-09
- 116 Ink sketch at fireplace at Aujeurres, January 4, 1919
- 117 Usher's ribbon for Illinois-Purdue football game, October 30, 1909
- 118 Usher's ribbon for Illinois-Indiana football game, November 6, 1909
- 119 Identified postcard photograph of 1909 varsity football team
- 120 Program for Military Day, May 28, 1909
- 121 Typed order designating 1st Lt. B. Nelson as Officer of the Day at Camp Hancock,
Georgia, August 2, 1918
- 122 Envelope for letter from Benjamin Nelson's parents, November 19, 1919
- 123 Ink sketch at Aujeurres, France, January 5, 1919
- 124 Military Day Program, May 30, 1910
- 125 Exercises at the funeral of Lt. Col. Edmond D. Fechet, November 17, 1910
- 126 Gamma Mu News, chapter newsletter, vol. 5, no. 1, March 24, 1910
- 127 Program for Sigma Nu informal dance, May 6, 1910
- 128 Program for 10th annual intercollegiate track meet, June 4, 1910
- 129 Newspaper clipping on ordnance training camp at Camp Raritan in Metuchen, New
Jersey
- 130 Snapshot of gentlemen
- 131 Snapshot of house, perhaps Nelson residence in Chicago
- 132 Group photograph of the annual Sigma Nu dance, February 28, 1908
- 133 Newspaper clipping on Sigma Nu at annual formal
- 134 Newspaper clipping at annual formal
- 135 Newspaper clipping on Sigma Nu bowling team
- 136 Newspaper clipping on Sigma Nu dance
- 137 Snapshot of lady in yard
- 138 Photograph of University of Illinois student company in military uniform
- 139 Program for Sigma Nu 5th Division convention banquet, Champaign, June 4, 1910
- 140 Newspaper clipping on marriage of Natalie Young and John Jordan
- 141 Newspaper clipping on engagement of L. Culbert and John Miller
- 142 Letter from Ben Nelson, Sigma Nu chapter reporter to Brothers May 16, 1910
concerning social event

- 143 Autographed program of the farewell banquet given by the 5th training company
CAC, Fort Monroe, Virginia in honor of their company officers in the field
artillery, November 22, 1917
- 144 Snapshot of family
- 145 & 146 Snapshot of man on skies
- 147 Snapshot of two ladies in front of church
- 148 & 149 Snapshot of people in snow
- 150 Snapshot of Major William H. Chenowith, Texas, 1916, mounted on horse
- 151 Program for the 4th annual banquet of the 5th Division Convention, Sigma Nu at
Champaign, May 5, 1906
- 152 Statement for Lt. Nelson by Mme. Brodin in France for meals in November and
December
- 153 Telegram from W. H. Chenowith to Benjamin Nelson, November 21, 1917
- 154 Telegram from Kathleen to Benjamin Nelson, November 23, 1917
- 155 Program for Homecoming initiation and banquet, Sigma Nu, October 14, 1910
- 156 Program for Commencement Exercises, University of Illinois, June 12-15, 1910
- 157 Usher's ribbon for Illinois-Syracuse football game
- 158 Photograph on postcard of Sigma Nu's watching senior hoboes at Homecoming,
October 29, 1915
- 159 Printed card addressed to: Men of the National Army concerning a parade in
Chicago
- 160 Card inviting attendance at social event at Fort Monroe, Virginia, November 22,
1917
- 161 Ink sketch from the window of my billet at Commissey in Yonne showing the bridge
over the canal, March 19, 1919
- 162 Three clippings including one reporting Lt. Benjamin Nelson's arrival in New York
on May 14, 1919 and an ink sketch of the fireplace in the billet at
"Commissey" March 20, 1919
- 163 Letter from Benjamin Nelson to Commanding Officer of 5th Training Company
CAC requesting leave of absence, October 23, 1917 to take a lady friend to
dinner
- 164 Printed notification of candidacy for appointment as an officer, August 10, 1917
- 165 Printed handbill government notice of a requirement to register for a draft
- 166 Program for a Sigma Nu annual banquet, February 21, 1917
- 167 Photograph of 7 Sigma Nu freshmen, 1910-11
- 168 "Dad" Cook of Beta Eta chapter, 1896
- 169 Photograph snapshot of Pinkie Kaeler, Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- 170 Snapshot of man
- 171 Group photograph by Springfield, Mass. photographer of military group with
American flags and machine gun at dinner
- 172 Photographic postcard during the Fall Homecoming, 1910
- 173 Identified photo of Hobo Band, 1910

- 174 Snapshot of a house
175 Snapshot of two men
176 Snapshot of group playing tennis
177 Photograph postcard of Sigma Nu house decorated
178 Photograph of machine gun and military training unit
179 Newspaper report of an illustrated lecture by Mr. Nelson of the Warren Webster Company on heating and ventilating
180 & 181 Newspaper clipping announcements of the engagement of Marjorie Spaulding to Benjamin Nelson
182 Snapshot of five people on steps
183 Snapshot of six people on steps
184 Snapshot of man in military uniform
185 Snapshot of six people on steps
186 Snapshot of man in military uniform
187 Snapshot of two skiers
188 Snapshot of two men
189 Registration permit for pass to visit Paris, March 8, 1919
190 Postcard notification of selection for military service, August 29, 1917
190 Postcard notification of selection for military service, August 29, 1917
191 Card announcing appointment of Benjamin Nelson as Western Manager of the Atmospheric Conditioning Company, May 1, 1920
192 Postcard to Benjamin Nelson from Bucks, Co., Pennsylvania
193 Nelson's calling card, Warren Webster & Co., Camden, New Jersey
194 Nelson's calling card, Atmospheric Conditioning Corp., Chicago
196 Nelson's calling card, William J. Hough Company, Chicago
197 Nelson's calling card, Advertising Dept. Curtis Publishing Co, Chicago
198 Nelson's calling card, Continental Machinery Co., Chicago
199 A crest from a letterhead
200 Program for first annual University Homecoming, October 14-15, 1910
201 Ticket for Fall Homecoming
202 Program for the Maid of the Moon, University of Illinois Student Union Opera, January 13, 14
203 Snapshot of lady and boy
204 Snapshot of two ladies
205 Snapshot of lady in swimming suit
206 Snapshot of ladies
207 Snapshot of two men on steps
208 Snapshot of two men playing tennis, October 3, 1915
209 Snapshot of two men
210 Autographed program of Sigma Nu annual Christmas banquet, December 20, 1910
211 Gamma Mu chapter of Sigma Nu newsletter, vol. 1, no. 1, October 8, 1906
212 Program for Sigma Nu 6th annual party, February 28, 1908

- 213 Printed petition from the University of Illinois to Sigma Nu fraternity requesting the organization of a chapter, April 28, 1902
- 214 Ticket stub for East Bleacher, Illinois Field, June, 1910
- 215 Program from Sigma Nu annual senior banquet, May 28, 1910
- 216 Benjamin Nelson calling card for the Publicker Commercial Alcohol Co., Philadelphia
- 217 Card with Sigma Nu emblem and name of Benjamin Nelson
- 218 Poem about a wife
- 219 Calling of Benjamin Nelson for the Lefton Advertising Co., New York City
- 220 Baggage check for US Army Transport Service, Port of New York, September 22, 1918
- 221 Program for 27th annual banquet of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, January 27, 1921
- 222 Letterhead of the Atmospheric Conditioning Corp., Benjamin Nelson, Western Manager, Chicago
- 223 Calling card, William J. Hough Co., Chicago for Benjamin Nelson
- 224 Funeral notice of the death of Charles Nelson on July 14, father of Benjamin Nelson
- 225 Newspaper clipping on the appointment of Benjamin Nelson as Western Manager for the Atmospheric Conditioning Corp.
- 226 Playbill for the Delta Tau Delta production of the Land of Mantapan
- 227 History of the Hawthorn Harem, typewritten, 6 pages with photographs of group of people who lived at Hawthorn Hall in 1909
- 228 Dinner invitation to Mr. Nelson
- 229 Newspaper clipping on football reform
- 230 Program for Washington's Birthday Convocation, February 22, 1910
- 231 Diagram for chair
- 232 Photograph published of Wade Hampton Ellis of Sigma Nu Regent, 1908-10 also a notice of Benjamin Nelson's marriage from newspaper
- 233 Card for U of I Panhellenic smoker, 1910 to Nelson of Sigma Nu
- 234 Ticket to Panhellenic smoker, 1910
- 235 Card for Mr. Nelson
- 236 Ticket for Senior Stag, 1910
- 237 Autographed program for annual Christmas banquet of Sigma Nu, December 16, 1909
- 238 Snapshot of H. Zigler Hopkins, St. Louis, November 28, 1909
- 239 Drawing for Mechanical Engineering 3
- 240 Letterhead for Warren Knapp
- 241 Magazine clipping of Benjamin Nelson playing golf at one of the meetings of the Western Trade Golf Association, ca. 1922
- 242 Snapshot "Before breakfast" of girl
- 243 Mathematics 9A printed examination, January 1910

- 244 Four line poem on calling card
- 245 Dancing party program, October 6, 1909
- 246 Dance program, Mattoon, Illinois, November 26, 1909
- 247 Sigma Nu informal dance program, November 19, 1909
- 248 Yoma informal dance program, November 12, 1909
- 249 Illinois Union ticket
- 250 Card for Elks vs. Lone Mules football game on Thanksgiving Day
- 251 Newspaper clipping of announcement of dramatic comedy "A Hard Night's Study"
- 252 Handwritten poem
- 253 Varsity Club dance program
- 254 Varsity Club Easter card dance announcement, April 10, 1909
- 255 Ticket for Choral and Orchestral Society May Festival, May 10-11, 1909
- 256 Ticket for Elks Billiard Room in Champaign
- 257 Ticket stub for Walker Opera House
- 268 Listing of fraternities for men and women in colleges
- 259 Valentine to Ben Nelson (envelope dated 13, 1909)
- 260 Snapshot of student with dog
- 261 Snapshot of houses
- 262 Newspaper clipping of Benbrook, guard for Michigan football team, 1910
- 263 Card for the character impersonator Chick Sale, formerly Charlie Sale
- 264 Receipt for 1910 Technograph, March 7, 1910
- 265 Benjamin Nelson card
- 266 Benjamin Nelson card
- 267 Valentine for Benny from My dear Alpha Chi Omega, February 14, 1908
- 268 Program for Alpha Chi Omega musicale, November 27, 1908
- 269 Newspaper clipping for a night off, December 3-4
- 270 Friz and Ditt, roommates, snapshot
- 271 Snapshot of Bobbie, two girls
- 272 Photograph of two men and a woman "Before they were married"
- 273 Snapshot of Joe in action hurling a discus
- 274 Golf club, University of Illinois receipt, October 5, 1905
- 275 Sample ballot for athletic association positions, including Avery Brundage Sigma
Alpha Epsilon as track manager
- 276 Notification to Benjamin Nelson of election to membership in the Mask and Bauble
Club
- 277 Newspaper clipping of celebration of Company K, winners in competitive drill
- 278 50 pfennig paper money from the city of Koblenz, January 1919
- 279 50 pfennig paper money from the city of Mainz, November 1918
- 280 This is the Valentine that was included in the letter envelope which is number 259
- 281 - 285 Five portions of the rear cover of the scrapbook containing verses relating to the
University of Illinois

Sigma Nu fraternity, Gamma Mu news, vol. 54-55, 1961

Sigma Nu fraternity, chapter directories, 1955-1976

Sigma Nu, Gamma Mu chapter, history correspondence, 1961, 1979-80 Photographs of a group of men in the 60's, presumably fraternity alumni, also photographs of a house

Box 2:

Bound booklet containing a photocopy of a five page brochure on Smaland, Sweden, a clipping relating to long time Pi Phi members, including Mrs. Benjamin Nelson, a clipping on Benjamin Nelson's participation in a ceremony at Chanute Air Force Base on March 2, 1978, 3 clippings from the News Gazette relating to the social activities of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Nelson, clippings from the Champaign newspapers relating to Benjamin Nelson's comments on the Community Chest (October 17, 1947) and Benjamin Nelson's retirement from the First Federal Savings and Loan Association (August 1, 1956) and clippings on Benjamin Nelson's resignation from a position as a member of the Family Service Board and his resignation from the First Federal Savings and Loan Association (December 10, 1955).

A mounted brass plaque from Gamma Mu chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity awarded to Senior Brother Benjamin Nelson at the 75th Anniversary Dinner on November 12, 1977.