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Descriptive Summary

Identifier: ICU.SPCL.MORTARBOARD

Title: University of Chicago. Mortar Board. Records

Date: 1894-1980

Size: 3.75 linear ft. (4 boxes)

Repository: Special Collections Research Center
            University of Chicago Library
            1100 East 57th Street
            Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract: The Mortar Board Records consist of a pledge book with the organization’s
constitution and bylaws, and two scrapbooks. The collection also includes
correspondence, member lists, photographs, newsletters, and an account of
the early years of the club by founding member Agnes Cook Gale.

Information on Use

Access: No restrictions.

Citation: When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: University of Chicago.
Mortar Board. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of
Chicago Library

Historical Note:
The literary and social club for women, Mortar Board was formed at the University of Chicago
in 1893. The group was founded by several women students who had previously studied at
Wellesley College. The women considered forming a sorority but were discouraged by Deans
Marion Talbot and Alice Freeman Palmer, who suggested that they instead form a club. Mortar
Board was active though the 1960s.

Scope Note:
The Mortar Board Records and Addenda consist of a pledge book with the organization’s
constitution and bylaws, and two scrapbooks. The collection also includes correspondence,
member lists, photographs, newsletters, and an account of the early years of the club by founding
member Agnes Cook Gale.
Related Resources
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

Subject Headings
• University of Chicago. Mortar Board
• University of Chicago -- History
• University of Chicago-Students
• University of Chicago -- Societies, etc.
• University of Chicago -- Alumni and Alumnae

INVENTORY

Box 1
Folder 1
Pledge Book with Constitution and By-laws, 1894-1978

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Folder 2
Historical Sketch of Mortar Board, 1942

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Folder 3
Newsletter, 1951

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Folder 4

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Folder 5
Questionnaire on Obtaining a House, 1962

Box 1
Folder 6
Rush activities notebook, 1963-1967

Box 1
Folder 7
Announcements and Minutes, 1963-1967

Box 1
Folder 8
Constitution of Interclub Council, 1965

Box 2
Folder 1
Member Lists and Reunion Correspondence, 1965-1980

Box 2
Folder 2
Business Correspondence, 1961-1968
Photographs, n.d.

**Box 3**
Scrapbook - Clippings regarding social events and weddings, 1928-1941

**Box 4**
Scrapbook - Photographs of members, circa 1922-1927