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Guide to the University of Chicago Mortar Board Records 1894-1980



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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 through the 1960s.

Scope Note

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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

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Pledge Book with Constitution and By-laws, 1894-1978

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Historical Sketch of Mortar Board, 1942

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Newsletter, 1951

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Financial Records, 1961-1968

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Questionnaire on Obtaining a House, 1962

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Rush activities notebook, 1963-1967

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Announcements and Minutes, 1963-1967

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Constitution of Interclub Council, 1965

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Member Lists and Reunion Correspondence, 1965-1980

Box 2

Folder 2

Business Correspondence, 1961-1968

Box 2

Folder 3

Photographs, n.d.

Box 3

Scrapbook - Clippings regarding social events and weddings, 1928-1941

Box 4

Scrapbook - Photographs of members, circa 1922-1927