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Guide to the University of Chicago Office of the President Scrapbooks 1889-1943



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.OFCPRESSCRAPBOOK
Title	University of Chicago. Office of the President. Scrapbooks
Date	1889-1943
Size	51.5 linear feet (34 boxes)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	This collection contains scrapbooks compiled by the University of Chicago Office of the President. They contain news clippings related to the University, its founding, and its staff and leadership, and collections of official communications issued by the President's office. The collection spans the years 1889-1943, with the bulk of the material dating from 1908 to 1910.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: University of Chicago. Office of the President. Scrapbooks, Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Historical Note

On September 18, 1890, William Rainey Harper was elected by the Board of Trustees as the first President of the University of Chicago. President Harper assumed office on July 1, 1891. The University has had 13 presidents in total:

- William Rainey Harper – 1891-1906
- Harry Pratt Judson – 1907-1923
- Ernest DeWitt Burton – 1923-1925
- Max Mason – 1925-1928

- Robert Maynard Hutchins – 1929-1951
- Lawrence Kimpton – 1951-1960
- George W. Beadle – 1961-1968
- Edward Hirsch Levi – 1968-1975
- John Todd Wilson – 1975-1978
- Hanna Holborn Gray – 1978-1993
- Hugo F. Sonnenschein – 1993-2000
- Don Michael Randel – 2000-2006
- Robert J. Zimmer – 2006-present

Scope Note

The collection is divided into two series.

Series I, News Clippings, contains scrapbooks full of clippings of newspaper articles about the founding and development of the university, its beginnings, its faculty and administrators, its affiliates (e.g. Yerkes Observatory), its funding, athletic and cultural events, and scholarly findings and reports. Many articles are duplicates pulled from multiple newspapers. Of particular interest are articles on the Foster controversy, women at the university, and university scientists' research.

Series II, Communications, contains scrapbooks of pieces of official written communication from the Office of the President. Included are invitations to formal events, announcements and memos to faculty and students, death and funeral notices, commencement materials, event programs, blank cards and forms, and other official bulletins. There is also one book of undated stationary samples. The collection does not contain correspondence with particular individuals. Both series of scrapbooks are ordered chronologically.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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

University News Office. Records

University of Chicago Scrapbooks. Collection

University of Chicago. Office of the President. Harper, Judson and Burton Administrations. Records

University of Chicago. Office of the President. Mason Administration. Records

University of Chicago. Office of the President. Hutchins Administration. Records

Subject Headings

- University of Chicago. Office of the President
- University of Chicago – History

INVENTORY

Series I: News Clippings

This series contains 15 scrapbooks of news clippings, arranged chronologically.

Box 1

Scrapbook, 1894-1896

Box 2

Scrapbook, 1895-1896

Box 3

Scrapbook, 1896-1897

Box 4

Scrapbook, 1908-1909

Box 5

Scrapbook, 1908-1909

Box 6

Scrapbook, Jan. – April 1909

Box 7

Scrapbook, May-June 1909

Box 8

Scrapbook, June-July 1909

Box 9

Scrapbook, July-Sept. 1909

Box 10

Scrapbook, Sept.-Oct. 1909

Box 11

Scrapbook, Sept.-Nov. 1909

Box 12

Scrapbook, Jan.-June 1910

Box 13

Scrapbook, June 1910-Jan. 1911

Box 14

Scrapbook, Nov. 1910-April 1911

Box 15

Scrapbook, July 1912-Jan. 1915

Series II: Communications

This series contains 20 scrapbooks of mailings and announcements, arranged chronologically.

Box 16

Scrapbook, 1892-1901

Box 17

Scrapbook, 1901-1904

Box 18

Scrapbook, 1904-1908

Box 19

Scrapbook, 1908-1914

Box 20

Scrapbook, 1914-1917

Box 21

Scrapbook, Nov 1919-June 1922

Box 22

Scrapbook, Aug. 1922-Sept 1925

Box 23

Scrapbook, April 1926-Dec. 1926

Box 24

Scrapbook, 1927

Box 25

Scrapbook, 1928

Box 26

Scrapbook, 1929

Box 27

Scrapbook, 1930

Box 28

Scrapbook, 1931

Box 28

Scrapbook, 1932-1933

Box 29

Scrapbook, 1934-1935

Box 30

Scrapbook, 1936-1937

Box 31

Scrapbook, 1938-1939

Box 32

Scrapbook, 1940-1941

Box 33

Scrapbook, 1942-1943

Box 34

Scrapbook, undated