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Descriptive Summary

Identifier  ICU.SPCL.SCANCLUB
Title  University of Chicago. Scandinavian Club. Records
Date  1926-1962 (inclusive)
Size  .5 linear ft. (1 box)
Repository  1100 East 57th Street
            Chicago, Illinois 60637
Abstract  The Scandinavian Club records include minutes of meetings, correspondence, membership lists, notices of meetings, and programs for special events. Records within the collection date the beginnings of the Scandinavian Club to 1926, although one document claims it was in existence as early as 1899. The club sponsored a variety of social activities intended to promote Scandinavian culture and arts, including lectures, dinners, concerts, and even the production of plays by such authors as Ibsen and Strindberg. The club coordinated activities with other Scandinavian groups in the Chicago area, and invited faculty members, consular officials, and other notable persons of Scandinavian descent to participate in its programs.

Information on Use

Access  No restrictions.

Citation  When quoting material from this collection the preferred citation is:

University of Chicago. Scandinavian Club. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

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Scope Note
Although records of the Scandinavian Club are fragmentary, they indicate the extent and range of the club’s activities over a long period. A minute book in Swedish provides the main documentation for the years 1926-1937, although a few letters and programs survive as well. For 1944-1962 there are fairly complete sets of meeting notices, membership lists, and programs for annual spring banquets and Christmas festivals, along with miscellaneous correspondence and news clippings.

Related Resources
The following collections are located in the Special Collections Research Center:

Presidents' Papers

Student Activities Office. Records

Subject Headings
- University of Chicago
- University of Chicago.Scandinavian Club
- University of Chicago--Societies, etc.
- University of Chicago--History

INVENTORY

Box 1
Folder 1
   Minutes of club meetings, 1926-1937, 1944-1946
Box 1
Folder 2
   Correspondence and miscellaneous programs, 1926-1934
Box 1
Folder 3
   Correspondence and miscellaneous programs, 1946-1962
Box 1
Folder 4
   "All Scandinavian Night" correspondence, 1932
Box 1
Folder 5
   Club meeting notices, 1946-1962
Box 1
Folder 6
   Membership lists, 1947-1960
Box 1
Folder 7
   Annual spring banquet programs, 1945-1962
Box 1
Folder 8
   Christmas programs, 1945-1960
Box 1
Folder 9
Newspaper clippings