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Descriptive Summary

Identifier      ICU.SPCL.UCSTUDENTACT
Title           University of Chicago. Student Organizations and Activities. Collection
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Repository      Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center
                University of Chicago Library
                1100 East 57th Street
                Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract        This collection documents student life and organizations from the university’s founding to the early 21st century. This includes material from Student Union, Reynolds Club, Inter-Fraternity Council and Fraternities, as well as smaller student clubs, publications, and events on campus. Materials date from 1893 to 2019, with the bulk of the material dating between 1946 and 1968. Researchers are encouraged to cross reference the Office of Student Activities. Records.

Information on Use

Access
The collection is open for research.

Citation
When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: University of Chicago. Student Organizations and Activities. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Scope Note
The collection has been organized into five series: Series I: Student Activities - General, Series II: Student Union, Series III: Reynolds Club, Series IV: Fraternities and Inter-Fraternity Council, and Series V: Oversized. It contains booklets, bound volumes, brochures, correspondence, directories, event programs, invitations, fliers, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, and official administrative reports, and posters.

Series I: Student Activities - General, focuses broadly on university policies and programs regarding student life, including student clubs, events, and publications, not accounted for in the larger organizations elsewhere in the collection. Series II: Student Union, details the work of Student Union in the mid-twentieth century, with a heavy emphasis on event organization
and the evolving purpose and role of Student Union on campus. Series III: Reynolds Club, presents early histories, constitutions, and formal records from shortly after the club’s founding. Series IV: Fraternities and Inter-Fraternity Council, details the inner workings of fraternity life at the University, including membership records from the early twentieth century as well as official regulations and reports regarding fraternity organization and actions. Series V: Oversized, includes bound volumes, newspaper clippings, and event posters related to material from the other four series.

**Related Resources**

**Subject Headings**

- University of Chicago - History
- University of Chicago. Office of Student Activities
- University of Chicago - Students
- College students -- United States -- Conduct of life
- Fraternities & sororities
- Student activities
- Student activities--United States--Handbooks, manuals, etc.
- Student movements

**INVENTORY**

**Series I: Student Activities - General, 1893-2019**

This series provides a broad picture of Student Activities at the University of Chicago through student policies, handbooks, and other official documentation as well as material from student organizations and events on campus.

In Subseries I: Student Clubs, folders are organized alphabetically by organization name and contain constitutions, correspondence, event fliers, records and reports related to the respective club. Note that materials from graduate specific clubs may be found in Folder 21: Graduate Clubs - Various.

Subseries II: Student Events, is organized by event type (“Visual Arts,” “Dances and Formals,” “Draft Related” etc.). This subseries primarily contains fliers and posters. For oversized material, see Boxes 9-10.

Subseries III: Student Publications, includes The Baby Phoenix, Frosh and Soph, The Daily Maroon, Cap and Gown, and material related more broadly to student publications on campus.

Materials date from 1893 to 2019.

**Subseries 1: General Information**

Box 1
Folder 1
   Student Codes, Policies, and Handbooks, 1919-1963
Box 1
Folder 2
   Student Tours, 1940’s
Box 1
Folder 3
   Brochures, 1996-2009
Box 1
Folder 4
   ORCSA, 2006-2011
Box 1
Folder 5
   Miscellaneous, 1939-1965

Subseries 2: Student Clubs
Box 1
Folder 6
   Student Activities Handbooks and Organization Lists, 1984-1996
Box 1
Folder 7
   Art Club, 1948-1953
Box 1
Folder 8
   Asian Students Union, 2004
Box 1
Folder 9
   Biology Club, 1925
Box 1
Folder 10
   Campus Crusade for Christ, 2004
Box 1
Folder 11
   Chicago Experimental College, 1969
Box 1
Folder 12
   Christian Ecumenical Council, 1968
Box 1
Folder 13
   Classical Club, 1897-1908
Box 1
Folder 14
   Debating Society, 1978
Box 1
Folder 15
   Ellis Co-Op, 1943
Box 1
Folder 16
   Engineering Society, 2000’s
Box 1
Folder 17
   Flying Club, 1941
Box 1
Folder 18
   Folklore Society, 1960
Box 1
Folder 19
   The Giving Tree, 1993
Box 1
Folder 20
   Graduate Club, 1890’s
Box 1
Folder 21
   Graduate Clubs - various, 1924-1946
Box 1
Folder 22
   Hillel, 1968-2004
Box 1
Folder 23
   India Association, 1950-1968
Box 1
Folder 24
   Internationals Together, undated
Box 1
Folder 25
   Intervarsity Christian fellowship, 1968
Box 1
Folder 26
   Inter-Organizational Council, 1945
Box 1
Folder 27
   Japanese Club, 1914
Box 1
Folder 28
   Mandolin Club, 1897-1903
Box 1
Folder 29
   Middle East Center Students Association, 1968
Box 1
Folder 30
   Muslim Students Association, 1968
Box 1
Folder 31
   Negro Students Club, undated
Box 1
Folder 32
Box 1
Folder 33
   Ombudsman, 1968
Box 1
Folder 34
   Oratorical Association, 1898-1915
Box 1
Folder 35
   Our Tuesday Visitor, 1938
Box 1
Folder 36
   Owl and Serpent, 1917-1981
Box 1
Folder 37
   Political Science Council, 1931
Box 1
Folder 38
   Politics Club, 1949-1951
Box 1
Folder 39
   Pre-Med Club, 1968
Box 1
Folder 40
   Prohibition Club, 1920’s
Box 2
Folder 1
   Psychology Club, 1950-1957
Box 2
Folder 2
   Republican Club, 1947
Box 2
Folder 3
   Sailing Club, 2004
Box 2
Folder 4
   Science Fiction Society, 1968
Box 2
Folder 5
   Ski Club, 1968
Box 2
Folder 6
Slavonic Club, 1959
Box 2
Folder 7
Social Service Administration Club, 1936
Box 2
Folder 8
Student Tutors Elementary Project, 1960’s
Box 2
Folder 9
Student Association, 1945
Box 2
Folder 10
Student Congress, 1893
Box 2
Folder 11
Student Forum, 1918-1955
Box 2
Folder 12
Students of Objectivism, 1991
Box 2
Folder 13
Students for Violent Non-Action, c.1960
Box 2
Folder 14
Tarpon, c.1930
Box 2
Folder 15
Undergraduate Council, 1920’s
Box 2
Folder 16
Undergraduate Literary Society, 1893
Box 2
Folder 17
University Union, 1890’s
Box 2
Folder 18
Women’s Radical Action project, 1968-1969
Box 2
Folder 19
World Student Service Fund, 1945-1949
Box 2
Folder 20
Zionist Organization, 1956

Subseries 3: Student Events
Box 2
Folder 21
   Activity/Social Calendars, 1945-1968
Box 2
Folder 22
   Exercises, Alumni, Honors, and Class Days, 1895-1955
Box 2
Folder 23
   Dances and Formals, 1930’s -1991
Box 2
Folder 24
   Musical and Theater Events. I, 1908-2009
Box 2
Folder 25
   Musical and Theater Events. II, undated
Box 2
Folder 26
   Film Events, 1967-1968
Box 2
Folder 27
   Visual Art Events, 1918-2004
Box 2
Folder 28
   Lectures and Talks, 1939-2009
Box 2
Folder 29
   Rockefeller Chapel, 1967-2019
Box 2
Folder 30
   Bandersnatch, 1967
Box 2
Folder 31
   Draft Related Posters and Fliers, 1968
Box 2
Folder 32
   McCarthy Posters and Fliers, 1968
Box 2
Folder 33
   Posters and Fliers - General. II, 1939-1968
Box 2
Folder 34
   Posters and Fliers - General. II, 1968-2013
Box 3
Folder 1
   Posters and Flyers- General. III, Undated
Box 3
Folder 2
Subseries 4: Student Publications

Box 3
Folder 3
Student Publications, 1923-1968 (see also Box 11)

Series II: Student Union, 1939-1964

Student Union began in 1946 as a democratically run student organization with the expressed purpose of curating a stronger campus community and tending to the holistic wellbeing of students through recreation and extracurricular activities. The series details Student Union’s activities throughout the mid-twentieth century and includes official reports, correspondence, articles, meeting minutes, newsletters, event information, as well material from orientation Board and Student Union’s student activities focused publication: Forecast. Materials date from 1939-1964.

Box 3
Folder 4
General Information, 1939-1950
Box 3
Folder 5
Organizational Policy and Staff, 1948-1960
Box 3
Folder 6
Program Guides and Event Calendars, 1948-1960
Box 3
Folder 7
Financial Reports, 1947-1964
Box 3
Folder 8
Department Reports, 1947-1953
Box 3
Folder 9
Student Union Newsletter, 1947-1949
Box 3
Folder 10
Orientation Board, 1948-1960
Box 3
Folder 11
Forecast, 1948-1954
Box 4
Folder 1
Regional Conference, 1949-1951
Box 4
Folder 2
Staff Survey and Questionnaire, 1948
Box 4
Folder 3
Event Prep., 1951-1964
Box 4
Folder 4
Events Invitations, and Flyers, 1947-1960
Box 4
Folder 5
Event Attendance Records, 1948-1949
Box 4
Folder 6
Night of Sin, 1957-1959
Box 4
Folder 7
Musical Show Scripts, 1950-1951
Box 4
Folder 8
Correspondence. I, 1948-July 1963
Box 4
Folder 9
Correspondence. II, July 1963-1964
Box 4
Folder 10
Correspondence. III, undated
Box 4
Folder 11
Meeting Minutes. I, 1947-1948
Box 4
Folder 12
Meeting Minutes. II, 1949
Box 4
Folder 13
Meeting Minutes. III, 1949
Box 4
Folder 14
Meeting Minutes. IV, 1950
Box 4
Folder 15
Meeting Minutes. V, 1951-1952
Box 5
Folder 1
Meeting Minutes. VI, 1952-1954
Box 5
Folder 2
Meeting Minutes. VII, 1955-1961
Box 5
Folder 3
   Newspaper Clippings, 1953-1969
Box 5
Folder 4
   Miscellaneous, undated

Series III: Reynolds Club, 1903-1923
The Reynolds Club was established in 1903 through financial gifts from Joseph Reynolds Joseph Reynolds, as a student club house to promote comradeship, conversation, and collaboration between students. This series contains booklets detailing the Reynolds Club history, a copy of the constitution, event programs, a guest book, and meeting minutes from the early twentieth century. Materials date from 1903 to 1923.

Box 5
Folder 5
   Constitution and Play Program, 1903-1942
Box 5
Folder 6
   Bound Booklets, 1911-1914
Box 5
Folder 7
   Meeting Minutes, 1905-1912
Box 5
Folder 8
   Meeting Minutes, 1913-1914
Box 5
Folder 9
   Meeting Minutes, 1914-1921
Box 5
Folder 10
   Meeting Minutes, 1921-1923
Box 6
   Guest Book, 1908

Series IV: Fraternities and Inter-Fraternity Council, 1921-2018
This series details the official life of fraternities on the University of Chicago campus. It includes articles, academic and financial reports, constitutions, correspondence, directories, event fliers, meeting minutes, membership data, and newspaper clippings.

Subseries I: General Information and Interfraternity Council contains material related to the IFC and fraternity administration and organization more broadly.

Subseries II: Rushing, Fraternity Directories, and Membership, includes documentation specifically related to rushing regulations and records, the fraternities active on University of Chicago campus, as well as fraternity membership reports. IFC membership reports regarding
specific fraternities can be found in their respective fraternity folder, while reports that include
data from multiple fraternities have been compiled in Box 8, Folder 2.

Materials date from 1921 to 2018.

Subseries 1: General Information and Interfraternity Council

Box 7
Folder 1
   IFC Constitution, Policies, and General Info, 1945-1958
Box 7
Folder 2
   IFC Financial Reports, 1945-1949
Box 7
Folder 3
   Fraternity Academic Reports, 1949-1953
Box 7
Folder 4
   IFC Public Relations, 1951-1952
Box 7
Folder 5
   Disciplinary Actions, 1949-1952
Box 7
Folder 6
   Dean’s Office, 1949-1951
Box 7
Folder 7
   IFC Projects, 1951-1952
Box 7
Folder 8
   National Interfraternity Council, 1945-1953
Box 7
Folder 9
   Alumni on Reconstruction,
Box 7
Folder 10
   IFC Correspondence, 1945-1951
Box 7
Folder 11
   IFC Meeting Minutes. I, 1945-1948
Box 7
Folder 12
   IFC Meeting Minutes. II, 1948-1950
Box 7
Folder 13
   Interfraternity Ball, 1940’s
Box 7
Folder 14
Interfraternity Sing, 1945-1988
Box 7
Folder 15
Newspaper Clippings, 1913-1948
Box 7
Folder 16
Fraternities- Miscellaneous, 1945-1968

**Subseries 2: Rushing, Fraternity Directories, and Membership**

Box 8
Folder 1
Rushing - Rules and Records, 1945-1952
Box 8
Folder 2
IFC Membership Reports - General, 1945-1971
Box 8
Folder 3
Fraternity Directories, 1925-1960’s
Box 8
Folder 4
Alpha Delta Phi, 1940-2009
Box 8
Folder 5
Alpha Sigma Phi, 1921
Box 8
Folder 6
Beta Theta Phi, 1946-1952
Box 8
Folder 7
Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1933-1951
Box 8
Folder 8
Delta Upsilon, 1946-1968
Box 8
Folder 9
Epsilon Club, 2018
Box 8
Folder 10
Kappa Alpha Psi, 1947-1951
Box 8
Folder 11
Kappa Alpha Theta, 2009
Box 8
Folder 12
Phi Delta Theta, 1946-1952

Box 8
Folder 13
  Phi Gamma Delta, 1946-1977

Box 8
Folder 14
  Phi Kappa Psi, 1946-1952

Box 8
Folder 15
  Phi Lambda Phi, 1946-1948

Box 8
Folder 16
  Phi Sigma Delta, 1947-1952

Box 8
Folder 17
  Psi Upsilon, 1926-1952

Box 8
Folder 18
  Sigma Chi, 1946-2013

Box 8
Folder 19
  Sigma Mu, 1903

Box 8
Folder 20
  Zeta Beta Tai, 1946-1952

Series V: Oversized, 1926 - c.2009

This series contains oversized bound volumes, newspapers, and posters related to the material found throughout the collection. Series V has been organized into folders corresponding to folder titles from the rest of the collection. Materials date from 1926 to circa 2009

Box 9
Folder 1
  Student Activities- Newspaper Clippings, 1926-1993

Box 9
Folder 2
  Event Calendars, 1960-1988

Box 9
Folder 3
  Hillel Posters, undated

Box 9
Folder 4

Box 9
Folder 5
Box 9
Folder 6
   Film Event Posters, 1968-2004
Box 9
Folder 7
   Lectures and Talks Posters, 1967-2004
Box 10
Folder 1
   Music Posters, 1968-2004
Box 10
Folder 2
   Visual Art Posters, 1968-2004
Box 10
Folder 3
   Event Posters - Miscellaneous, 1968-2004
Box 10
Folder 4
   Reynolds Club, 1938 (see: Series III)
Box 11
   Student Publications Financial Report, 1928-1938
Box 12
Folder 1
   Student Union, 1949-1956 (see: Series II)
Box 12
Folder 2
   Fraternities, 1932-1968 (see: Series IV)