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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator Information</b>	Bloodgood, Donald A., 1928-2014
<b>Title</b>	Donald A. Bloodgood papers
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSA 314
<b>Date Span</b>	1946-1949
<b>Abstract</b>	Artifacts, letters, and event programs documenting the student and ROTC life of Donald A. Bloodgood.
<b>Extent</b>	1 cubic foot
<b>Finding Aid Author</b>	Stephen Horrocks, 2016
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Repository</b>	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

## Administrative Information

<b>Location Information:</b>	ASC-R
<b>Access Restrictions:</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Donated by Donald A. Bloodgood, June 9, 2011 and November 8, 2011
<b>Accession Number:</b>	20110609, 20111108
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<b>Related Materials Information:</b>	MSF 41, Donald E. Bloodgood papers (Purdue University Professor of Engineering and Donald A. Bloodgood's father)

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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Persons**

Bloodgood, Donald A., 1928-2014

### **Organizations**

Purdue University. Army ROTC  
Scabbard and Blade Fraternity

### **Form and Genre Types**

Letters (correspondence)  
Programs (documents)  
Sashes (costume accessories)

## Biography of Donald A. Bloodgood

Donald A. Bloodgood (“Don”) was born on November 3, 1928 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Donald E. and Margaret V. Bloodgood. Donald and his family moved to West Lafayette, Indiana in 1943 when his father was offered a position as a professor in the Engineering Department at Purdue University. After graduating from West Lafayette High School in 1946, Don matriculated as a student of mechanical engineering at Purdue and became a member of several campus organizations, including Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Scabbard and Blade Fraternity, and Purdue Army ROTC. After graduating in 1951, Bloodgood served as the 1951 Class President for over 60 years.

Don married Jo Ann Rose in 1954, a year after beginning his employment with Ross Gear and Tool Company (later renamed TRW). Bloodgood stayed with TRW for 41 years, and at the time of his retirement in 1994 Don worked as Director of Manufacturing Services.

Bloodgood served in the US Army for thirty years, first in active duty during the Korean War then in the reserves until his retirement at the rank of Colonel. In 1996 he was inducted into the Purdue ROTC Hall of Fame.

Don A. Bloodgood died on June 20, 2014 in West Lafayette, Indiana.

*Source: “Donald A. Bloodgood,” Soller-Baker Funeral Homes, Inc., 2014.*

## **Collection Description**

### **Scope**

The Donald A. Bloodgood papers (1946-1949; 1 cubic foot) documents the student life and fraternal pledging of former Purdue student Donald A. Bloodgood. The collection consists primarily of artifacts, with limited documentation concerning their use and function by the alumnus. These objects may be useful for researchers interested in the material culture of Purdue's ROTC and fraternity organizations during the late 1940s. Types of materials include: pledge sashes, pledge boards, letters, and event programs.

**Descriptive Rules**      Describing Archives: A Content Standard

### **Processing Information**

Artifacts have been arranged and wrapped in tissue paper for preservation purposes, and all items have been placed in acid-free boxes.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### **Box 1**      *Pledge Boards and Documents*

#### Item

1.      Purdue Order of the Zouaves pledge board, 1946
2.      Scabbard and Blade pledge board, 1946
3.      Purdue Order of Military Merit pledge board, 1949
4.      Letter from R. J. Anderson re: Scabbard and Blade, 1948
5.      Military Ball program, 1948
6.      Regimental Drill Meet program, 1948
7.      Military Ball invitation, 1949

### **Box 2**      *Pledge Sashes*

#### Item

1.      Purdue Order of the Zouaves pledge sash, 1946
2.      Scabbard and Blade pledge sash, 1946
3.      Purdue Order of Military Merit pledge sash, 1949