



**FINDING AID TO
THE PURDUE CLUB OF CHICAGO
SCRAPBOOK, 1885-1980**

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Descriptive Summary

Title	Purdue Club of Chicago scrapbook
Collection Identifier	MSP 216
Date Span	1885-1980, predominant 1890-1919
Abstract	Letters, invitations, programs, rosters, printed ephemera, and clippings documenting the early years of the Purdue Club of Chicago.
Extent	.45 cubic feet (1 flat box)
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Administrative Information

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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Ade, George, 1866-1944

McCutcheon, John T. (John Tinney), 1870-1949

Smart, James H. (James Henry), 1841-1900

Organizations

Purdue Club of Chicago

Topics

Purdue University--Alumni and Alumnae

Form and Genre Types

Clippings (information artifacts)

Invitations

Letters (correspondence)

Printed ephemera

Programs (documents)

Rosters

History of the Purdue Club of Chicago

The Purdue Club of Chicago was established in 1890, and was the first regional alumni club of its kind. The organization serves Purdue alumni in the greater Chicago area, and helps facilitate and grow the university's presence there. Organizing social events, often with the purpose of raising funds for various university and non-university causes, has been central to the group's purpose since its inception. Membership during the first decades of the club included notable Purdue alumni such as George Ade, John T. McCutcheon, and William F. Goss. The Old Oaken Bucket, a trophy awarded to winner of the annual Purdue University vs. Indiana University football game, was created by the Purdue Club of Chicago and the Indiana Chicago Club and remains a tradition today. In recent years, the Club has also awarded an annual scholarship to one selected incoming Purdue freshman, and annual fundraisers are organized to expand the number and duration of scholarships in the future.

Source: "The Purdue Club of Chicago." *The Purdue Club of Chicago*, n.d., www.puchicago.org, accessed March 22, 2017.

Collection Description

Scope

The Purdue Club of Chicago scrapbook (1885-1980; .45 cubic feet) documents the early years of the Purdue Club of Chicago. The collection primarily details alumni events and member organizing from 1890-1919. Several high-profile alumni lived in the Chicago area at this time including George Ade, John T. McCutcheon, and William F. Goss, and various materials created by or for them are included in this collection—Ade's letters are of particular interest. The printed ephemera within the scrapbook provide considerable detail regarding events and practices of the organization. Types of materials include: clippings (information artifacts), invitations, letters (correspondence), printed ephemera, programs (documents), and rosters.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

1 Box

Folder

- 1 Correspondence between William M. Meyer, Sr. and R. J. Rudolph re: the donation of the scrapbook, January 1980.

Scrapbook Contents

Item

1. Donation note, William W. Meyer, Sr. to Joe Rudolph, 1980.
2. *The Purdue* title page, June 1885.
3. Purdue Alumni Association booklets, notes, and clippings, including the Chicago Branch, 1890-1894.
4. Typed letter to Chicago alumni from George [Ross] and George Ade, 1893.
5. Letter, Purdue President James H. Smart, n.d.
6. Menu, Purdue Dinner at The Grand Pacific Hotel in Chicago, June 23, 1894.
7. Handwritten donation contract for refitting Heavilon Hall, with signatures including George Ade and John T. McCutcheon, 1894.
8. Invitation, Purdue Reunion in Chicago, 1894.
9. Roster, Purdue Alumni in Chicago, 1894.
10. Invitation RSVPs signed by John T. McCutcheon, George Ade, William F. Goss, n.d.
11. Donation letter and check from Chicago alumni, November 1894.
12. Thank you letters from Purdue President James H. Smart and the Board of Trustees re: Chicago alumni donations, November 1894.
13. "The Purdue Stag-Horn", a publication by Chicago Alumni, May 9, 1912.
14. Advertisements for Chicago Alumni dinners, 1896.
15. Alumni Banquet program/menu, 1901.
16. Alumni Banquet announcements, song lyrics, 1911.
17. Event announcements, 1911-1915.
18. Call for donations/involvement, February 1913.
19. Ladies Night program and invitation, 1913.
20. George Ade letter to N. Praken, February 1912.
21. George Ade letter to Albert Scheible (Secretary), May 1912.
22. George Ade letter to William DeWolfe, May 1912.
23. List of 1913-1914 officers.
24. "DeWolfe's Million Dollar Doll" dinner invitation and article, May 1914.
25. Harvey Wiley letter to C. L. Hickman, April 1914.
26. Annual Football Dinner invitation (Purdue vs. Chicago), October 1914.
27. Ladies Night invitation, 1915.
28. Fritz Ernst letter re: May 1915 Annual Banquet.

29. "Purdue Directory of Chicago and Vicinity", 1915.
30. Telegrams regarding events, 1915.
31. "'Bully for Old Purdue!' Heard Across the Continent," *Bell Telephone News*, September 1915.
32. "Let's Go Purdue" song lyrics, 1915.
33. "Everybody Sing! Just Songs" collection of song lyrics, 1915.
34. Banquet invitation and announcements, 1916.
35. "THE CHI-//LL-UMNI," vol. 1, num. 1, September 1919