



**FINDING AID TO
THE SPAN PLAN RECORDS, 1971-2001**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Purdue University, Dean of Students
Title	SPAN Plan records
Collection Identifier	UA 38
Date Span	1971-2001, predominant 1980-1996
Abstract	This collection consists of brochures, letters, newsletters, articles, and photographs documenting the SPAN Plan program
Extent	2.3 cubic feet (3 manuscript boxes, 1 half width manuscript box, 1 flat artifact box)
Finding Aid Author	Shauna Borger, 2010
Languages	English
Repository	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Location Information:	ASC
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research.
Acquisition Information:	Donated by former SPAN Plan director Peggy E. Sullivan on August 26, 2002
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Related Materials Information:	UA 41, Dean of Women records, 1948-1987 MSF 334, Helen B. Schleman papers, 1920-2001

Subjects and Genres

Persons

Zissis, Cecilia
Schleman, Helen B. (Helen Blanche), 1902-1992
Sullivan, Peggy E.
Deans of women—United States

Organizations

Purdue University--Dean of Women
Purdue University—Dean of Students

Topics

Women—History
Women – Employment
Women in higher education
Women college administrators
Women college students
Women deans (Education)--Indiana

Form and Genre Types

Administrative reports
Annual reports
Brochures
Clippings (information artifacts)
Color slides
Correspondence
Fliers (printed matter)
Photographic prints

Occupations

Women college administrators
Women deans (Education)--Indiana

History of SPAN Plan

In 1968 Helen Schleman and Cecilia Zissis of the Purdue University, Dean of Women office founded SPAN Plan, which was originally started to encourage the wives of male students at Purdue to obtain a degree in higher education. Schleman served Purdue as the director of the first women's residence hall in 1934 and, after serving in World War II, as dean of women from 1947-68. Zissis served as assistant and associate dean of women at Purdue from 1950-74 and served as the program's first director from 1970-87. Peggy Sullivan served as director of SPAN Plan from 1987-2001.

Over the years, the program has continued to evolve and provide additional services to the adult learner population. Along with a fall orientation program, SPAN Plan offers academic, career and personal counseling; free tutoring; grants and scholarships to qualified adult learners; Lunch 'N Learn Programs; an adult student support group; and career and job search services. SPAN Plan is currently a program within the Division of Student Success.

Sources:

Materials within the collection and Span Plan webpage (archived version:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140913030621/https://www.purdue.edu/odos/spanplan/history.php>)

For further information, please see the History of SPAN Plan website at

<https://www.purdue.edu/spanplan/history-3/>.

Collection Description

Scope

The SPAN Plan records (1971-2001; 2.3 cubic feet) document the SPAN Plan program at Purdue University. The collection includes brochures, pamphlets, news releases and other promotional materials which document the advertising that was done for the program. Correspondence, annual reports, and newsletters document the actions of the program and those heavily involved in the SPAN Plan. Types of materials include: correspondence, brochures, pamphlets, news releases, annual reports, newsletters, slides, photographs and audio cassettes. The records are organized into five series: business papers, correspondence, newsletters, promotional materials and artifacts and audio-visual materials.

Arrangement

- 1. Business papers, 1970-2001 (0.7 cubic feet)** Materials in this series include articles about non-traditional students, organizations at Purdue from which SPAN could recruit members, and information on the various heads of SPAN Plan. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically.
- 2. Correspondence, 1980-1981 (0.2 cubic feet)** Materials in this series include memos and letters between SPAN Plan administrators and other administrators at Purdue University. The correspondence discusses SPAN Plan programming, promotion, and prospective members. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically.
- 3. Promotional materials, 1971-1999 (0.7 cubic feet)** Materials in this series include pamphlets and flyers advertising SPAN Plan. These items were presumably mailed to those people deemed eligible in order to get them interested and aware of the program. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically.
- 4. Newsletters, 1978-1996 (0.2 cubic feet)** Materials in this series include SPAN Plan newsletters. The newsletters keep participants and administration up-to-date on what the program has accomplished and current events. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically.
- 5. Artifacts and audio-visual materials, 1982 (0.5 cubic feet)** Materials in this series include slides, pins, and audio cassettes.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

Whenever possible, original order of the materials has been retained. Some materials have been housed in acid-free folders and acid free boxes.

Revision History

Collection identifier updated from UA 12.05.02-1 to UA 38 as of October 24, 2016.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series 1. Business papers, 1970-2001

0.70 cubic feet

Box 1 *Articles and reports, 1970-2001*

Folder

- 1 Freshman conference program, 1970-71
2. Misc. articles and papers, 1971-86
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4. Historical information, 1981-94
5. ASAP (Adult Student Association of Purdue) membership, 1986-96
6. C2-Cecilia Zissis, biographical info, SPAN annual reports, 1987-2000
7. CZ-Educational training for women, 1988-96
8. Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society, 1988-2001
9. ASAP (Adult Student Association of Purdue), 1991-2000
10. Helen B. Schleman funeral, 1992
11. Facts on women, 1995
12. C2-Celie's (Cecilia Zissis) records, 2000-01
13. Student Wife Grant records, 1970

Box 2 *Articles and reports, 2000-2001*

Folder

- 1 C2-Celie Zissis memorials, 2000-01
2. Articles on returning students, undated

Series 2. Correspondence, 1980-1987

0.20 cubic feet

Box 2 *Memos and letters, 1980-1987*

Folder

3. Memos and letters, 1980-85
4. Memos and letters, 1980-85
5. Memos and articles about non-traditional female students, 1981-87
6. Memos and letters, 1983-86
7. Memos and letters, 1983-86
8. Letters and brochures, 1987

Series 3. Promotional materials, 1971-1999

0.70 cubic feet

Box 2 *Purdue University news releases, brochures, flyers, 1971-1999*

Folder

9. SPAN Plan news releases, 1971-99
10. SPAN promotional materials, 1972-78
11. SPAN Plan brochures, 1979-83

Box 3 *Brochures, flyers, newspaper articles, 1968- 1998*

Folder

1. SPAN Plan brochures, 1971-83
2. SPAN Plan publicity, 1971 - 1972
3. SPAN Plan publicity, 1981-94
4. Older students who graduate, newspaper articles, 1984-98
5. Pamphlets, 1987-89
6. Purdue Today, 1990-91
7. Flyers, 1994-97
8. SPAN flyers and brochures, 1997
9. Newspaper articles about Barbara Cook, 1998
10. SPAN Plan flyers and brochures, undated
11. Purdue publications about SPAN Plan, 1968 - 1970

Series 4. Newsletters, 1978-1996

0.20 cubic feet

Box 3 *SPAN Plan newsletters, 1978-1996*

Folder

12. SPAN Plan newsletters, 1978-90
13. SPAN Plan newsletters and brochures, 1987-96

Box 4 *SPAN Plan newsletters. 1988-1998*

Folder

1. SPAN Plan newsletters, 1988-96
2. SPAN Plan newsletters, 1991-98
3. SPAN Plan newsletters, 1996

Series 5. Artifacts and audio-visual materials, 1982

0.5 cubic feet

Box 5 *Pins, slides, cassettes, 1973-1993*

Folder

1. Color slides
2. Pins
3. Lunel (?) slides
4. Audio cassettes
5. Color slides
6. Dean of students envelope-"Orientation," 8/24/82