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Abstract

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Accession No: H92-1143
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History

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Scope and Content

The H-Club records are significant to Hope College because the H-Club has been involved in funding many important projects on campus. For instance, the H-Club was very active in raising money for the construction of the Dow Physical Education Center, which was completed in 1978. The H-Club also created and provided the money for a scholarship which is given to one male athlete each year in honor of a former Hope College coach.

The H-Club collection is arranged alphabetically by topic. The collection contains materials dealing with the following subjects: board members, clippings and miscellaneous items, correspondence, financial reports, minutes, objectives, planning materials and minutes, and team rosters. All of the materials pertain to the condition of the H-Club, its financial status, and its undertakings.

Container List

Box 1

Background Information, 1922-present
Board Planning Materials, 1980-2003 (5 folders)

Box 2

Board Members, 1949-1982
Clippings and miscellaneous items, 1973-1984
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 Hope H-Club to Honor Two Squads, Oct. 18, 1974
 Of heroes, kids and men, Oct. 1983
Correspondence, 1959-1988
Financial Reports, 1950-1973
Homecoming Luncheons and Activities, 1985-2009
Minutes, 1949-1980
Objectives, 1949
Photographs
 Senior Athletes Desert Reception, 2001-2003 (2 images)
 M.I.A.A. M.V.P.'s Celebrating 75 Years in the M.I.A.A., 2001 (1 image)
Team Rosters, 1937-1977