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Records, 1922-[ongoing]. 0.50 linear ft.

Abstract

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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, and team rosters. All of the materials pertain to the condition of the H-Club, its financial status, and its undertakings.

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