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Hope College
**H97-1288. Nykerk Cup Competition.**
Records, 1938-[ongoing]. 5.00 linear ft.

**Abstract**

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**Provenance:** Hope College  
**Donor:** Hope College  
**Photographs:** 564 images (Boxes 1 and 2)  
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**History**

Nykerk Cup Competitions were begun in 1936 by Dr. John B. Nykerk, professor of literary arts at Hope College. The annual competition features a rivalry between the even and odd-year classes of Hope, in which the freshman and sophomore women compete against each other in song, oration, and drama. Men are involved as moralers for their respective classes, and upperclassmen participate as coaches, both for the women and the moralers. Each fall, the women compete for the prized Nykerk Cup.

**Scope and Content**

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**Box 1**

Clippings, 1938-[ongoing]  
Constitution, 1997  
Correspondence, 1966  
Flyers, n.d.  
History, 1998  
News Clippings, 1938-1987  
Photographs, 1997 (7 images)  
Programs, 1964-1985 (incomplete)  
1973 Nykerk Cup Competition  
One folder containing:  
'77 Songs
“When You’re Smiling”
“Smiles”
“The Shadow of Your Smile”
“Smile”

1989 Nykerk Cup Competition, October 28, 1989
One folder containing:
- New clipping, 1989
- Press release, 1989
- ’92 Orator, Sabina DeWitt, “At the Earth’s Imagined Corners”
- ’93 Orator, Alison Schaap, “Leaving Your Blanket Behind”
- ’92 Play, “Snow White”
- Song, “Mr. Sandman”

1990 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 3, 1990
One folder containing:
- News clippings, 1990
- Press release, 1990
- ’93 Orator, Leslie Schoon, “True Colors”
- ’93 Play, “The Ugly Duckling”
- ’94 Play, “Prince Punyfoot”
- ’93 Song, “Ma (He’s Making Eyes at Me)”
- ’94 Song, “Together Wherever We Go”

1991 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 2, 1991
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 1991
One folder containing:
- News clipping, 1991
- Press release, 1991
- ’94 Orator, Alison Clay, “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!”
- ’95 Orator, Melanie Myers, “Individuality and Nature”
- ’94 Play, “Androcles and the Lion”
- ’95 Play, “Bullshot Crummond”
- ’94 Song, “America”
- ’95 Song, “Under the Sea”

1992 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 7, 1992
News clipping, 1992
Press release, 1992

1993 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 6, 1993
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 1993
One folder containing:
- Press release, 1993
- ’96 Orator, Anna Barnett, “A World of Harmony”
- ’97 Orator, Amanda Flowers, “Harmony”

1994 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 5, 1994
One folder containing:
- Press release, 1994
- ’97 Orator, Nina Bieliauskas, “Birth, Life and Death”
‘98 Orator, Janna Winn, “Making Waves”
‘97 Play, “Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf”
‘98 Play, “Rumpelstiltskin”
‘97 Song, “The Best of Doo-Wop”
‘98 Song, “New York, New York”

1995 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 4, 1995
One folder containing:
News clippings, 1995
Press Release, 1995
‘98 Orator, Jess Grevenstuk, “Learning to Wear Mouse Ears”
‘99 Orator, Kelly Martin, “Dare to Wonder”
Play, “Snow White and the Seven Dorks”
Play, “Dorothy Meets Alice”
‘98 Song, “One”
‘99 Song, “We Go Together”

1996 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 2, 1996
One folder containing:
News clipping, 1996
Press release, 1996
Program, 1996
‘99 Orator, Melissa Ooms, “Connections: The Spirit of Womanhood”
‘00 Orator, Janelle Thompson, “Make a Connection”
‘00 Play, “The Emperor’s New Clothes”
‘99 Song, “Rock Around the Fifties”
‘00 Song, “Puttin’ on the Ritz”

1997 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 8, 1997
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 1997
One folder containing:
News clippings, 1997
Press release, 1997
Program, 1997
‘00 Orator, Rita Spires, “It’s Up To You”
‘01 Orator, Tracy Summerer, “Simple Loves, Great Expectations”
‘00 Play, “Rock Around the Clock”
‘01 Play, “Saturday Night Shakespeare”
‘00 Song, “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy”
‘01 Song, “Please Mr. Postman”

1998 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 7, 1998
News clipping, 1998
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 1998
Press release, 1998
Program, 1998

1999 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 6, 1999
News clipping, 1999
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 1999
2000 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 11, 2000
News clipping, 2000
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2000
Press release, 2000

2001 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 3, 2001
News clipping, 2001
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2001
Press release, 2001
Program, 2001

2002 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 9, 2002
Flyer, 2002
News clipping, 2002
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2002
Press release, 2002

2003 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 1, 2003
News clipping, 2003
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2003
Press release, 2003

2004 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 6, 2004
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2004
One folder containing:
News clipping, 2004
Press release, 2004
Program, 2004
‘07 Orator, Lara Wagner, “A New Type of Engagement”
‘08 Orator, Courtney Vredevoogd, “Breaking the Current”
‘07 Play, “Single 07”
‘08 Play, “Gilligan’s Island”
‘07 Song, “Razzle Dazzle”
‘08 Song, “Lovin’ the Sixties”

2005 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 5, 2005
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2005
One folder containing:
News clipping, 2005
Press release, 2005
Program, 2005
‘08 Orator, Anna West, “(Welcome to) Our Global Neighborhood”
‘09 Orator, “The Voice of Liberation”
‘08 Play, “The Phantom of the Nykerk”
‘09 Play, “Do You Yabba Dabba Do?”
‘08 Song, “Over the Rainbow”
‘09 Song, “Build Me Up, Buttercup”

2006 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 4, 2006
News clippings, 2006
Press release, 2006

2007 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 3, 2007
News clippings, 2007
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2007

2008 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 14, 2008
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2008
One folder containing:
  News clippings, 2008
  Press release, 2008
  Program, 2008
  ’11 Orator, Alexa Westley, “The Incorruptible Gift: The Light From Within”
  ’12 Orator, Jordan Walters, “The Road Most Travelled”
  ’11 Play, “The Office: From Scranton to Holland”
  ’12 Play, “The Little Rascals”
  ’11 Song, “Hairspray”
  ’12 Song, “Spoonful of Sugar”

2009 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 7, 2009
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2009
One folder containing:
  Flyer, 2009
  News clippings, 2009
  Program, 2009
  ’12 Orator, Karli Rowe, “Echoes”
  ’13 Orator, Cara Green, “Adventures of a Life Lived on Purpose”
  ’12 Play, “Aladdin”
  ’12 Song, “Grease”
  ’13 Song, “Footloose”

Box 2

2010 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 6, 2010
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2010
One folder containing:
  Flyer, 2010
  News clippings, 2010
  Program, 2010
  ’13 Orator, Zoann Wissner, “Immersed in Life”
  ’14 Orator, Jordan Ippolito, “Roots Go Deep”
  ’13 Play, “Don’t Let the Bed Bugs Bite”
  ’14 Play, “Scooby Doo and the Haunted Orientation”
  ’13 Song, “The Wizard of Oz”
  ’14 Song, “I Just Can’t Wait to be King”

2011 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 5, 2011
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2011
One folder containing:

Flyer, 2011
News clippings, 2011
Nykerk Breakfast, program, 2011
Program, 2011
’14 Orator, Alyssa Drew, “Open Your Eyes”
’15 Orator, Claire Tally, “We Were Made For More”
’14 Play, “Peter Pan”
’15 Play, “One For the Books”
’15 Song, “Eye of the Tiger”

2012 Nykerk Cup Competition, November 3, 2012
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2012

2014 Nykerk Cup Competition
Nykerk General Chair Notecards, 2014

Audiovisual
1970-1976 Nykerk Cup Competition, Select songs, CD
1970 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1971 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1973 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1974 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1977 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1978 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2) (2 copies)
1979 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1980 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1981 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1984 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1985 Nykerk Cup Competition, CD (2)
1992 Nykerk Cup Competition, DVD
1994 Nykerk Cup Competition, DVD
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2016 Nykerk Cup Competition, DVD
2018 Nykerk Cup Competition (MP4)
2019 Nykerk Cup Competition (MP4)
Slides, 1989-1994 (6 folders) (557 images)

Box 3

Scrapbook, 2003-2009