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Abstract

Membership in HASP is by sponsor only with monthly meetings highlighted with special programs held on a wide ranging assortment of courses taught, to a large extent, by the membership itself aided by some Hope faculty. Field trips and special events are held and all activities are directed toward the intellectual and social development of older people who are dedicated to continued attainment and service. The collection includes: Tulip Time Trolley Guide Information script (2001), minutes, programs, correspondence and bulletins, and a series of papers written in 1993 titled the Vignettes of Hope College History that include topics such as: The Holland Academy; The War Years at Hope; Coping with the Post-War Bulge: Hope College, 1945-1950; The Young Gerrit Kollen; Paul Hinkamp (1885-1971); Nella Myer, Marguerite Prins, and Hope College; Hope’s Hungarian Connection; The Hope College Alcor Chapter of Mortar Board; That Beautiful Structure-Carnegie Gymnasium; Graves Hall and Winants Chapel; and Tales of Voorhees Hall. The collection also includes video presentations of Mary Schakel (2012) and Gerald Cooper (2012) from the course Encounters with History.

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History

In harmony with the increasing interest in continuing education beyond retirement (a national trend), HASP was started quite informally in cooperation with the administration of Hope College. The initial group of about thirty-six retired professionals was led to a large extent by the then retired Dean of Hope College, Dr. John W. Hollenbach. At the same time, the internationally known continuing education in retirement program, Elderhostel (now Road Scholar), began a subsidiary called Institutes for Learning in Retirement, and HASP became active in its early and continued formation. Membership in HASP is by sponsor only and has grown from only a few dozen members in 1988 to about 600 in 2012. Monthly meetings with special programs are held and a wide-ranging assortment of courses taught, again to a large extent, by the membership itself aided by some Hope faculty is a major activity. Field trips and special events are held and all activities are directed toward the intellectual and social development of older people who are dedicated to continued attainment and service. HASP is an integral part of Hope College, shares its campus and other resources, and is responsive to its direction. Annual membership fees, as well as fees for individual courses, are charged.

Scope and Content
The collection, which will continue to be augmented as time goes by, is composed of minutes of the HASP Executive Board and records of its various committees, correspondence, growth patterns, and papers which document the “growing pains” of the organization in terms of space for meetings and membership. Of special interest are those papers that deal with the group’s initial founding. Copies of the monthly HASP Bulletin and the annual H.A.S.P. Review, a literary collection by members, are also of special interest.

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