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Records, 1981-1983. 0.25 linear ft.

### Abstract

Minutes, photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and memos of the Van Raalte Memorial Committee. The result of the committee's work was the commissioning and construction of the sculpture "Ballyviktor."

Accession No.: H88-0231.1  
Provenance: Van Raalte Memorial Committee  
Donor: John Nordstrom, Committee Chairperson  
Photographs: 12 images  
Processed by: Craig Wright, October 1991

### History

In January 1981, the Board of Trustees gave approval for a Van Raalte Memorial. It was their feeling that after Van Raalte Hall burned down in April 1980, the campus should have another suitable memorial to Holland's founder. The Van Raalte Memorial Committee was appointed by Gordon Van Wylen on March 10, 1981, and met for the first time three days later. Members of the committee were Willard Wichers, Elton Bruins, Delbert Michel, William Mayer, and John Nordstrom, who served as the chairperson.

A "Seven State Outdoor Sculpture Competition" open to artists from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin was held to find an appropriate memorial. The panel of judges consisted of Corinne Robins, New York art critic; Clement Meadmore, New York sculptor; William Gilmore, Midland architect; and John Wilson, chairman of the Hope College art department. Of the initial field of 59 entrants, 11 were chosen as finalists, and Stewart Luckman was selected the winner. Luckman was an associate professor of art at Bethel College in Saint Paul, Minnesota

The sculpture is named "Ballyviktor" and cost about \$50,000 to construct. It is located on Van Raalte Commons and was dedicated on May 7, 1983.

### Scope and Content

The Van Raalte Memorial Committee records consist of materials from 1981 to 1983, which document the activities related to the commissioning of the sculpture "Ballyviktor" to honor Albertus Van Raalte, the founder of Holland, Michigan. Included are minutes, photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence and memos. The materials have been arranged alphabetically by topical folder headings.

### Container List

Contract, 1982  
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Luckman, Stewart, n.d., 1981-1982

Minutes, 1981

Newspaper Clippings, 1982

Photographs, ca. 1982-1983

    Ballyviktor (model), ca. 1982 (5 images)

    Judges with Ballyviktor Model, ca. 1982 (5 images)

    Luckman, Stewart, n.d. (1 image)

    Van Raalte Memorial Committee, ca. 1983 (1 image)

Poster, "Ballyviktor. A Public Sculpture by Stewart Luckman," [1983]. (Hope Non-Photographic Media)