



Guide to the Classical Club Records, 1910 - 1944

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Summary

Collection Title:

Classical Club records, 1910 - 1944

Creator:

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Abstract:

The Classical Club, founded in 1910, was a social academic club for male students and faculty of Trinity College (now Duke University). Female students joined the club in 1924. The club promoted interest in the language, literature, and art of ancient Greek and Roman cultures. Materials include minutes, constitutions, bylaws, a sketch, calendars, membership lists, correspondence, a draft of a paper, and clippings. Major subjects include Trinity College history, Duke University history, student groups, male college students, study of classical languages and appreciation of classical literature. Materials range in date from 1910 to 1944. English.

Extent:

0.5 Linear Feet
15 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult University Archives, Duke University.

Language:

English.

Collection ID:

UA.31.09.0002

Permalink:

<https://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/findingaids/uaclassical/>

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Background

Scope and Content

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Biographical/Historical

The Classical Club was a social academic club composed of students interested in Greek and Latin language and culture. The exact date of the founding of the club is unknown. In May, 1910, there were ten members of the club. The group presented papers at bimonthly meetings, placed classical studies titles in the libraries, arranged panel discussions, and hosted visiting lecturers. One well-publicized event was a meeting where Professor A. R. Anderson of Duke University presented a paper on Virgil to commemorate the bimillennium of the poet's birth.

In 1924, the Parthenon Club of Trinity College, a women's club also interested in the classics, joined the men's Classical Club. In 1927, more women interested in classical studies created the Forum Club, and held joint meetings with the Classical Club. The Classical Club continued to be active at Duke University until sometime after 1944.

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Related Materials

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Parthenon Club records. University Archives, Duke University. Eta Sigma Phi. Beta Rho chapter records. University Archives, Duke University.

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Names and Subjects

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- College students -- Societies, etc. -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Classical literature -- Study and teaching
- Classical literature -- Appreciation -- United States
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Classical languages -- Study and teaching
- Art, Classical
- Duke University -- Students -- Societies, etc.
- Duke University -- History
- Duke University -- Societies, etc.
- Trinity College (Durham, N.C.) -- Students
- Duke University. Classical Club
- Trinity College (Durham, N.C.) -- History

Collection Inventory

Constitution draft, 1910	Box 1 > Folder 1
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Minutes and constitutions, 1928-1944	Box 1 > Folder 4
Article 9, Article 10, Article 11, 1925	Box 1 > Folder 5
Badge sketch, circa 1918-1928	Box 1 > Folder 6
Calendars and miscellaneous correspondence, 1934-1942	Box 1 > Folder 7
Membership lists, 1940-1941	Box 1 > Folder 8
Virgil paper, 1930	Box 1 > Folder 9
Clippings, 1926-1943	Box 1 > Folder 10

Papers presented before the Classical Club of
Duke University, 1929-1930

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