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**PROVENANCE**

Transferred from the University Library in the late 1940s with the Memorial Library of Publications of the University of Pennsylvania and Her Sons. A few scrapbooks were found in the University Archives collections with uncertain provenance in 1979 and 1981

**ARRANGEMENT**

The University Scrapbook Collection is organized in one series by name of subject content, arranged by order of precedence – the general University scrapbooks coming first and the discrete subject scrapbooks second which are arranged alphabetically by topic.

## COLLECTION HISTORY

The majority of the University Scrapbook Collection was created by George E. Nietzsche at the beginning of the twentieth century in his capacity as Publicity Agent and later Recorder of the University of Pennsylvania. Nietzsche became the head of the Bureau of Publicity in 1904 and was created Recorder in 1912, a position he held into the 1940s. The scrapbooks that Nietzsche assembled eventually became part of the Memorial Library of Publications of the University of Pennsylvania and Her Sons which was established in 1907 which later formed a core portion to the University Archives in 1945.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The University Scrapbook Collections documents the publicity and public face of the University from the later nineteenth to early twentieth centuries. The scrapbooks consist primarily of newspaper and magazine clippings. Almost all aspects of University life are found in the collection from descriptions of important official events, such as commencements and building dedications, to informal student activities, such as dramatic and debate clubs as well as spontaneous student outbursts, such as class fights. Some important specific topics include publicity regarding the Scott Nearing case regarding academic freedom at the Wharton School. The School of Medicine scrapbook for 1902 to 1909 includes clippings relating to general medical and hospital topics in Philadelphia.

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INVENTORY

**General University topics**

Box 1	1882, 1886, 1889-March 1899
	1885-1886
	January 1888-February 1889
Box 2	September 1891-February 1892
Box 3	February 1892-July 1892
	May 1892-October 1892
Box 4	No. I, July 1894-March 1895
	No. II, March 1895-November 1895
Box 5	No. III, November 1895-March 1896
Box 6	23 March 1896-7 November 1896, (includes partial index)
Box 7	7 November 1896-March 1897, (includes partial index)
Box 8	March 1897-June 1897
	March 1897-October 1897

**General University topics (cont.)**

Box 9 January 1901-July 1901

Box 10 June 1901-July 1905, (includes index)

**Athletics**

September 1891-April 1892

April 1892-November 1892

**Bibliographical**

Box 11 September 1901-June 1905

**College**

October 1901-August 1905

**Debates**

Box 12 October 1901-October 1905

**Drama**

November 1902-May 1905

Box 13 "The Iphigenia in Tauris" and "The Trojan Women of Euripides,"  
April 1915-June 1915

**Faculty research and University Museum**

February 1897-June 1897

**Law School**

Box 14 1897-February 1900

**Religious topics**

Includes partial index, October 1901-April 1905

**School of Medicine**

Box 15 June 1893-July 1902

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**School of Medicine (cont.)**

Box 16                      Medical School, Hospital of the University, Philadelphia medical news, November 1902-September 1909

Box 17                      New medical laboratories, May 1904-June 1904

**Scott Nearing case**

Box 16                      January 1914-July 1915

**Societies and clubs**

Box 18                      October 1901-July 1905

**Wharton School**

Box 19                      December 1889-June 1894, 1912, 1931, (Includes "Recollections of Early Days of the Wharton School by Roland P. Falkner, April 30, 1931")

September 1904-1906

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