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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History Center	
Title:	Central High School/Grand Rapids High School collection	
ID:	Collection 178	
Date [inclusive]:	1870-1993	
Date [bulk]:	1979-1980	
Physical Description:	21.3 Linear Feet Over 40 boxes	
Language of the Material:	English .	
Abstract:	Central High School, also known in the early years as Grand Rapids High School, was opened in 1859 and remained the only high school building in Grand Rapids, Michigan until Union High School was built in 1897. In 1979 a history class at Central High School, with guidance from history teacher Ed Merizon, took on the task of documenting Central High School's history and their work produced this collection The collection includes a comprehensive set of the Helios, the school newspaper turned yearbook, as well as a number of photographs of such things as sports teams, students, and faculty members. There is also alumni information, newspaper clippings of sporting events and programs for commencement and spring musicals. There are also a number of scrapbooks that contain information from the late 1880s through the early 1920s. The collection spans 1870-1988 with a bulk of information detailing the years 1979-1980.	

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Biographical / Historical

Central High School (also known as Grand Rapids High School) was opened in 1859 and remained the only high school in Grand Rapids until Union High School was built in 1897. The original structure was known as the old stone schoolhouse and the limestone for this building was extracted from the Grand River bed. The second building was constructed in 1867, was heated by steam and used gas lighting. The third building was erected in 1893. The high school used both the second and third buildings to house its growing student body through 1910. From 1911, the high school was housed in its current building. Grand Rapids Junior College, founded in 1914, was initially also housed in the current building.

Central High School graduated its first class in 1862. This class consisted of 13 girls, since the boys had all left for military service in the Civil War. When Union High School opened in 1897, students attended Union until tenth grade and then attended Central High to complete their studies and graduate. This went on until Union graduated its first class in 1912.

In 1979 a history class at Central High School took on the task, with the guidance from history teacher Ed Merizon, of documenting Central High School's history and their work produced this collection. Due to their efforts, there is a nearly comprehensive collection of the Helios newspapers, as well as a number of photographs, alumni information, newspaper clippings and programs for various events. There are also a number of scrapbooks that contain information from the late 1800s through the early 1920s. This different group of information will be explained and described in the scope and content section.

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Scope and Contents

The Central High School collection contains a number of different series. There are photographs, newspaper clippings, examples of school work, school newspapers, alumni notes and scrapbooks. The school newspapers chronicle a large time span, while many of the other things concentrate on either the late 1800s to early 1920s, or the mid to late 1970s and beyond. Because of the class project there is a bulk of information involving 1979.

The collection includes a comprehensive set of the Helios, the school newspaper turned yearbook, as well as a number of photographs of such things as sports teams, students and faculty members. There is also alumni information, newspaper clippings of sporting events and programs for commencement and spring musicals. There are also a number of scrapbooks that contain information from the late 1880s through the early 1920s.

Some small accessions of related materials have been attached to this collection since it was originally received, including reunion materials for the Classes of 1926, 1986, 1991 and 1993 and a 1913 publication by Grace F. Ellis. However, since the formation of the generic GRPL High Schools collection, #316, other Central High and Grand Rapids High School materials, not originally received with this collection, can be found there.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Search also for Central High School materials acquired separately or associated with other collections. For example, Collection 235, the GRPL Michigan and Grand Rapids music collection has 1917 sheet music authored by four students from Central High, plus another copy of an item included in this collection.

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Controlled Access Headings

- High schools -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Education -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Grand Rapids High School (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

• Central High School (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Collection Inventory

Series I. Alumni Data, 1877-1981, n.d.

Scope and Contents

Within the alumni series there are notes and newspaper clippings on a few prominent graduates, such as astronaut Roger Chaffee from the class of 1953 and actress Elizabeth Wilson from the class of 1940. Also included in this series are 1877 reunion news clippings, notes on an all-inclusive reunion in 1936, and a program from the 1910 class reunion. There is also information on the alumni association, including a copy of an alumni association officer list, an 1877 logbook and a 1909 secretary's book. This series is organized alphabetically by person and chronologically by year.

Title/Description	Instances	
Beneker, Gerrit A., 1925. See also Coll. 224, Art and Graphic Collection	Box 3	Folder 8
Burgess, Rev. John Melville, 1926.	Box 3	Folder 9
Chaffee, Roger, 1953.	Box 3	Folder 10
Dennison, Arthur C., Family Tree, 1981.	Box 3	Folder 11
Ford, Betty, 1936. See also Coll. 243	Box 3	Folder 12
Gingrich, Arnold, 1975.	Box 3	Folder 13
Judd, Dorothy Leonard, 1915. See also Coll. 104	Box 3	Folder 14
Martin, John B, 1926.	Box 3	Folder 15
Wilson, Elizabeth, 1940.	Box 3	Folder 16
Zarafonetis, Dr. Chris, 1932.	Box 3	Folder 17
Reunion Newsclips, 1877,1910,1925 etc.	Box 3	Folder 18
Reunion Program, 1910.	Box 3	Folder 19
Alumni Association		
Title/Description	Instances	
Officer List, n.d.	Box 3	Folder 20
Newspaper clippings.	Box 3	Folder 21
Meeting Program, 1943.	Box 3	Folder 22
Log Book from 1877.	Box 3	Folder 23

Secretary's Book, 1909-10.

Box 3

Folder 24

Appended Accession 2001.058 Class of 1926 Reunions

Title/Description	Instances	
1986 class list	Box 3	Folder 25
1991 invitation card, reminder card, program and class list. Clipping, etc.	Box 3	Folder 26
1993 invitation card reminder card, flyer, program mailing labels, correspondence.	Box 3	Folder 27
1993 Reunion photos	Box 3	Folder 28
1993 Clippings.	Box 3	Folder 29
1993 Computer diskette.	Box 3	Folder 30

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Series II. Books, 1886-1926.

Scope and Contents

Includes: the High School Scholarship fund, formed in 1895, the 1886 High School Journal, the 1887 Smith's Class Register, a Memorial for the Teachers of Central High School from 1907-11, student handbooks from 1926, and a Physiology and Hygiene textbook. These books can be found by name in box 23.

Title/Description	Instances	
High School Journal, v. 1, no. 1, 1886. [serial]	Box 23a	Folder 2
High School Scholarship Fund, 1895.	Box 23a	Folder 3
Memorial, Teachers of Central High, 1907-11.	Box 23a	Folder 4
Smith's Class Register, 1887.	Box 23a	Folder 5
Student Handbook, 1926.	Box 23a	Folder 6
Centralite, handbook, 1945, ca. 1955.	Box 23a	Folder 10
Physiology and Hygiene, 1914.	Box 23a	Folder 7
The Origin of Life : a girl's physiology / Grace F. Ellis, 1913.	Box 23a	Folder 7.5

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Series III. Class of 1979 History Project, 1979.

Scope and Contents

Contains an explanation of the class project as well as correspondence from and to the class pledging academic support. There are a number of 1979 and 1980 newspaper clippings from the Grand Rapids Press and one from the Grand River Times. There are also comprehensive lists of the Gordon

Cup and Tri-Honor Cup recipients which recognizes those students who had outstanding athletics accomplishments. The series includes samples of the students work. The students organized a number of note cards that include biographies on Arnold Gingrich, Jesse B. Davis, and a list of area Spanish American War Veterans. The collection is organized into folders with the note cards having their own box.

Title/Description	Instances	
Explanation of Project.	Box 1	Folder 16
Newspaper Clippings.	Box 1	Folder 17
Correspondences to Class.	Box 1	Folder 18
Grand River Times article, 1979.	Box 1	Folder 19
Class notes and work samples.	Box 1	Folder 20
Gordon Cup list.	Box 1	Folder 21
Tri-Honor Cup list.	Box 1	Folder 22
Spanish-American War Vets.	Box 1	Folder 23

Note Cards

Athletics

Title/Description	Instances
Awards	Box 28
Tri-Honor Cup	Box 28
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Gyms	Box 28
Houseman Field	Box 28
Women's Athletics	Box 28
Badminton	Box 28
Basketball	Box 28
Golf	Box 28
Gymnastics	Box 28
Hockey	Box 28
Softball	Box 28
Swimming	Box 28
Tennis	Box 28
Track	Box 28
Volleyball	Box 28

Miscellaneous	Box 28
Men's Athletics	
Title/Description	Instances
Badminton	Box 28
Baseball	Box 28
Basketball	Box 28
Cross Country	Box 28
Football	Box 28
Golf	Box 28
Hockey	Box 28
Swimming	Box 28
Tennis	Box 28
Track	Box 28
Wrestling	Box 28
Miscellaneous	Box 28
General Files	
Title/Description	Instances
Academics	Box 28
Agona Club Scrapbook	Box 28
Annual	Box 28
Auditorium	
Auditorium	Box 28
Board of Education	Box 28 Box 28
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Graduation	Box 29
Jokes/Cheers	Box 29
Memorials	Box 29
Miscellaneous	Box 29
Newspapers	Box 29
Juniors, misc.	Box 29
Number of students	Box 29
Penny King and Queen; Homecoming; Prom	Box 29
Permanent files	Box 29
Central history facts	Box 29
Scholarships	Box 29
UofM and Central	Box 29
Valedictorian/Salutatorian	Box 29
Wars	
Title/Description	Instances
Civil	Box 29
Spanish-American	Box 29
World War I	Box 29
World War II	Box 29
Korean	Box 29
Vietnam	Box 29
Seniors	
Title/Description	Instances
1893-7	Box 29
1898-1902	Box 29
1903-7	Box 29
1908-12	Box 29
1913-17	Box 29
1918-22	Box 29
1923-7	Box 29
1928-32	Box 29

1933-7	Box 29
1938-42	Box 29
1943-7	Box 30
1948-52	Box 30
1953-7	Box 30
1958-62	Box 30
1963-7	Box 30
1968-72	Box 30
1973-7	Box 30
1978-82	Box 30
Miscellaneous	Box 30
Alumni	
Title/Description	Instances
General	Box 30
Autobiographies	Box 30
Biographies	Box 30
Famous People	
Title/Description	Instances
Amberg, Julius	Box 30
Ashley, Wilson B.	Box 30
Averill, Forest	Box 30
Baldwin, Ralph Belknap	Box 30
Barr, Terry	Box 30
Beneker, Gerrit	Box 30
Blacklock, Hugh M.	Box 30
Bos, John	Box 30
Boughton, Willoughby	Box 30
Burgess, John	Box 30
Chaffee, Roger B.	Box 30
Cherryman, Rex	Box 30
Conger, Seymour	Box 30

Coryell, Sherman	Box 30
Davis, Jesse B.	Box 30
Denison, Arthur C.	Box 30
Ellis, Clarence	Box 30
Epps, Alfred	Box 30
Ford, Betty	Box 30
Foote, Will Howe	Box 30
Forslund, Carl	Box 30
Gillett, Richard	Box 30
Gingrich, Arnold	Box 30
Goebel, Paul	Box 30
Greeson, William	Box 30
Houseman, Julius	Box 30
Houseman, Eugene	Box 30
Irwin, Charles	Box 30
Irwin, William	Box 30
Judd, Dorothy	Box 30
Kolkman, Harriet	Box 31
Leonard, Charles H.	Box 31
Martin, John	Box 31
Masselink, Ben	Box 31
Masselink, Eugene	Box 31
Mathis, Buster	Box 31
McAllister, Thomas	Box 31
McBain, Hughston	Box 31
Meyering, Lucille	Box 31
Moseley, Helen	Box 31
Sargent, Roland	Box 31
Romani, Romulus V.	Box 31
Rourk, Constance	Box 31
Rozema, David	Box 31
Rozema, Rocky	Box 31

Scott, Gordon	Box 31
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Pound, Virginia Mae	Box 31
Smith, George W.	Box 31
Schneider, Emma	Box 31
Sowerby, Leo	Box 31
Steele, Harold O.	Box 31
Steketee, Frank	Box 31
Swaney, Russell A.	Box 31
Taft, Willim H.	Box 31
Upton, Dinny	Box 31
Upton, Samuel R.	Box 31
Vandenberg, Arthur	Box 31
Voigt, Clara	Box 31
White, Gilbert	Box 31
White, Roderick	Box 31
White, Stewart E.	Box 31
Wilson, Elizabeth	Box 31
Woodruff, Lee	Box 31
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Leads	Box 31
Addresses	Box 31
Oral Interviews	
Title/Description	Instances
Questions [Not found 4/2000]	Box 31
Hoek, Dorothy	Box 31
Judd	Box 31
Stuart, Alexander	Box 31
Steketee, Paul	Box 31
Stoddard, Solomon, Mildred	Box 31
Organizations and social	Box 32

	Box 31
Helios	Box 32
Pictures	Box 32
Faculty	
Title/Description	Instances
1890-1900	Box 31
1901-10	Box 31
1911-20	Box 31
1921-30	Box 31
1931-40	Box 31
1941-50	Box 31
1951-60	Box 31
1961-70	Box 31
1971-80	Box 31
1971-80 Questions for interviews	Box 31
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Tests	Box 33
Miscellaneous	Box 33
Advertisements	Box 33
Administration	Box 33

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Series IV. Financial Ledgers, 1894-1954.

Scope and Contents

This series includes ledger books from the Agona Club, the first club organized in Central High School, dating from 1924-1954, a class account book noting class dues from 1939-1942, the meeting minutes of the Board of Control for 1921-1934, and monthly reports, four books, from 1894-1899. These books can be found in their respective boxes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Account Book, Class Dues, 1939-1942.	Box 23a	Folder 8
Agona Club Ledger, 1924-1954.	Box 23a	Folder 9
Meeting Minutes, Board of Control, 1921-1923.	Box 25	
Monthly Reports, 1894-1899.	Box 27	
	Box 26	

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Series V. History Papers, 1892-1979.

Scope and Contents

This small, but interesting series contains a partial history of the Central High buildings and a history of the school written for the Helios from 1892-1907. There are also two hand written histories chronicling the high school days of Arthur Dennison from 1878 and the memories of Lucile Meyering from 1918.

Instances

Dennison, Arthur 1878 "Class History".	Box 3	Folder 1
Helios History, 1892-1907.	Box 3	Folder 2
Partial History of CHS Buildings, 1979.	Box 3	Folder 3
Meyering, Lucile 1918 "Recollection of CHS".	Box 19	Folder 4

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Series VI. Newspaper Clippings, 1918-1980, n.d.

Scope and Contents

This series is divided into four groups. The sports news clippings include a bulk of information on 1979 and 1980. The graduation news and awards group includes information on various scholarships and alumni doings. The social news follows the argument for more funding for Central High in its later years. The miscellaneous group includes information on the death of football player Gordon Scott, teacher Emma Cole, and principal Jesse B. Davis.

Title/Description	Instances	
Graduation News and Awards.	Box 3	Folder 4
Miscellaneous News.	Box 3	Folder 5
Social News.	Box 3	Folder 6
Sports.	Box 3	Folder 7

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Series VII. Photographs, 1890-1979, n.d.

Scope and Contents

The photo series includes a number of different images. For the most part, the photos are of the early 1900s and a few are from the late 1890s. The photographs are divided into a number of categories. The sports photos include 1895 track and football teams and the 1890 baseball team. There are photos of the school buildings and classrooms. There are a number of photos of the various trophies and memorials including the Julius Houseman Field memorial rock. There are photographs of some reunions, the school's 100th Anniversary, school play casts, the 1907 faculty (names included), and the school's House of Representatives that Jesse Davis started. Photographs of Betty Ford's visit are also available as well as the history class of 1979. There are a number of miscellaneous photos as well as some slides and some negatives.

Title/Description	Instances	
Photo Scrapbooks 1916, 1923.	Box 20	
Merizon, Ed; 1979 Class. (7)	Box 1 Folder 1	
Miscellaneous Photos. (14)	Box 1 Folder 2	
Class of 1979 Negative. (1)	Box 1 Folder 3	

Negatives, large ones, n.d. (6)	Box 1	Folder 4
Reunion Photos, 1936. (3)	Box 1	Folder 5
100th Anniversary Photo, n.d. (1)	Box 1	Folder 6
School Play Cast, n.d. (1)	Box 1	Folder 7
Ford, Betty visit, n.d. (14)	Box 1	Folder 8
Classroom Photos, 1920. (13)	Box 1	Folder 9
Trophies and Memorials, n.d. (9)	Box 1	Folder 10
School Photos - Central Buildings, n.d. (10)	Box 1	Folder 11
Sports Photos, 1890-1970s. (23)	Box 1	Folder 12
Snapshots groups, action shots, c.1920. (22)	Box 1	Folder 13
Slides, n.d. (149)	Box 1	Folder 14
Miscellaneous Negatives, n.d. (9?)	Box 1	Folder 15
School play, n.d. (1)	Box 19	Folder 15
Football Team, 1929. This is actually a published image (graphic clipping), from a Supplement to the Grand Rapids Herald	Box 19	Folder 9
House of Representatives, n.d. (1)	Box 19	Folder 13
Faculty, 1907. (1)	Box 19	Folder 12
Team Photo, n.d. (1)	Box 19	Folder 14
Building Entrance Tower Photo, n.d. (1)	Box 19	Folder 10
Snapshots groups, actions, games, n.d. (7)	Box 19	Folder 11

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Series VIII. Programs, 1899-1980, n.d.

Scope and Contents

The program series includes programs from a number of various class functions. The programs span a wide range of dates from the Class Day Exercises of 1909 through the Class plays of 1980. The programs include class banquets, variety shows, music programs and some miscellaneous programs including the Michigan State Basketball Champs of 1911 and a memento of School Days in 1899. The programs are arranged chronologically by grouping. For additional programs, see Coll. 316.

Title/Description	Instances	
Class Day Exercises, 1909-1968. See also Coll. 316.	Box 4	Folder 1-7
Class Night Exercises, 1973-1974.	Box 4	Folder 8

Title/Description	Instances	
1900-1939.	Box 4	Folder 9-12
1941-1945. See also Coll. 316	Box 4	Folder 13
1957	Box 4	Folder 14
1964-1967.	Box 4	Folder 15
1972-1974.	Box 4	Folder 16
Class Plays.		
'itle/Description	Instances	
1924	Box 4	Folder 17
1938	Box 4	Folder 18
1943-1980.	Box 4	Folder 19-22
Musicals.		
Title/Description	Instances	
1962-1963.	Box 4	Folder 23
1970-1979.	Box 4	Folder 24
Variety Shows, 1961 and 1967.	Box 4	Folder 25
Class Banquets.		
Title/Description	Instances	
1910-1919.	Box 4	Folder 26
1922-1929.	Box 4	Folder 27
1933-1941.	Box 4	Folder 28-29
Michigan State Basketball Champs, 1911.	Box 4	Folder 30
Memento of School Days, 1899.	Box 4	Folder 31
3RD Annual Entertainment Program, 1910.	Box 4	Folder 32
Fashion Show, n.d.	Box 4	Folder 33
Mother/Daughter Banquet, 1943.	Box 4	Folder 34
Miscellaneous, 1930.	Box 4	Folder 35

W.C. Owens Memorial, 1979.	Box 5	Folder 1
CHS Honor Night, 1979.	Box 5	Folder 2
Music Programs.		
Title/Description	Instances	
The Halls of Ivy, Ivy Choral Series sheet music, copyright 1950, 1951 by Henry Russell and Vick Knight	Box 5	Folder 3
1957 and 1958.	Box 5	Folder 4
Spring Concert, 1960-1969.	Box 5	Folder 5
Spring Concert, 1970-1944.	Box 5	Folder 6
Christmas, 1971.	Box 5	Folder 7
Band Festival, 1972-1973.	Box 5	Folder 8
Jazz Festival, 1972.	Box 5	Folder 9
GRPS Music Festival, 1973.	Box 5	Folder 10
Arts Sensation, 1973-1974.	Box 5	Folder 11
Fall Concert, 1974.	Box 5	Folder 12
Instrumental Music Concert, n.d.	Box 5	Folder 13
Solo and Ensemble, 1974.	Box 5	Folder 14
Eighth Grade at Central High (1, 1987.027, 7/9/2003)	Box 5	Folder 15

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Series IX. Scrapbooks, 1870-1980.

Scope and Contents

Detail the late 1880s throughout the 1920s. Included in this is the scrapbook of Sarah B. Goodman from the class of 1870, and A.J. Volland, principal and teacher from the 1890s, who collected school notes and pamphlets. Another large group is the 1970s and 1980s which includes a number of sports news clippings. The scrapbooks can be found in their respective boxes.

Title/Description	Instances
"School Girl Days" [Gordon, Clara May], 1915.	Box 23a
Goodman, Sarah B., 1870.	Box 20
Volland, A.J., 1890, 1893.	Box 21
CHS Scrapbook, 1938-53. [Dates?, wood covers]	Box 24
1980	Box 23b
1979.(2 yellow)	Box 23b

1976	Box 23b
Scrapbook, 1913-1915 [Many pages blank. In old Ledger book, 9/1/2000]	Box 34
Scrapbook, 1918-1925.	Box 36
Unprocessed.	Box 37
Unprocessed	Box 38
Unprocessed	Box 39
Class notes, 1911-24.	Box 22
Cavalier Club. Scraps of Cavalier Life, 1919-1938.[Sports] 1986.124, 1986.125	Box 41
Certificate. Mu Delta Sigma Fraternity. March, 1894. Horace W. Hardy, T. William Hefferan, Louis E. Howard, Frederic M. Loomis, Charles L. Merriam, Harvey A. Rosenthal, Russell S. Rowland, Charles C. Wallin. Signed by Harry L. Creswell, Chas. W. Math?	Box 41
Grand Rapids High School Scrapbook, ca. 1865-1935. [Fragile condition] Formerly G3:BC17.1	Box 42
Grand Rapids, Michigan. High Schools Scrapbooks. Central High School / compiled in the Michigan Room, 1936. Formerly MKG373.H76c	Box 42
Early History of Central High School / compiled by the Grand Rapids Public Library, 1953. Formerly MKG373.9.G762	Box 42

Helios. Publication, later yearbook

Title/Description	Instances	
1892: v.1, no 1-3 (October, November, December)	Box 18B	
1893: v. 2, no 4-5 (June, July); v. 3, no 1-2 (October, November)	Box 18B	
1910: v. 36, no 2 (March)	Box 18B	
1912: v. 38, no 8 (May); v. 39, no 2 (November)	Box 18B	
1913: v. 39, no 8 (May)	Box 18B	
May 1893 - Dec. 1898.	Box 7	Folder 1-42
Jan. 1899 - April 1903.	Box 8	Folder 1-37
May 1903 - Feb. 1909.	Box 9	Folder 1-38
Oct. 1909 - April 1913.	Box 10	Folder 1-23
Oct. 1913 - Nov. 1915.	Box 11	Folder 1-17
Dec. 1915 - April 1918.	Box 12	Folder 1-20

May 1918 - Oct. 1922.	Box 13	Folder 1-29
Nov. 1922 - May 1926.	Box 14	Folder 1-30
Oct. 1926 - March 1930. v. 55, no. 7, Apr. 1930 appears to be missing from this collection. However, there are two copies in Coll. 316-23	Box 15	Folder 1-30
May 1930 - Jan. 1935.	Box 16	Folder 1-33
Feb. 1935 - Nov. 1939.	Box 17	Folder 1-28
Mar. 1940 - June 1944.	Box 18	Folder 1-25
1948 - Dec. 14.	Box 18	Folder 26
1949 - Dec. 1, Dec. 20.	Box 18	Folder 27-28
1957 - May 24.	Box 18	Folder 29
1957 - Oct. 11.	Box 18	Folder 30
Fragment, v. 1, 1892	Box 35	
Fragment, v. 3, 1894	Box 35	
Fragment, v. 7, 1898?	Box 35	
v. 33-34, 1908-1909. Bound.	Box 35	

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Series X. School Publications, 1892-1988.

Scope and Contents

This is the largest series in the collection. There are three different newspapers chronicled: LaPlume, Every Other Week, and the Helios which is also named the Ram's Review and Rampages. LaPlume was in circulation for only a few years, 1900-1907. Every Other Week was in use for an even shorter time, 1899-1900. The Helios however spans 1893-1988 in this collection. The Helios was a sometimes monthly literary publication (publication frequencies vary by year), that evolved into the school yearbook. The newspapers are arranged chronologically.

Every Other Week

Title/Description	Instances	
1899	Box 6	Folder 36-37
1900	Box 6	Folder 38-43
La Plume		
Title/Description	Instances	

Sept. 1900 - May 1907.	Box 6	Folder 1-35
Poetry / Published by the Poetry Club. This title is not included in this collection. However, as least one issue in currently held in Coll. 316, the GRPL High Schools Collection. See also Coll. 278, the GRPL Poets and Poetry	Collection 316	

Ram's	Review
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Collection.

le/Description	Instances	
1957 - Dec. 20.	Box 18	Folder 31
1958	Box 18	Folder 32-41
1959	Box 18	Folder 42-45
1960 - Oct. 19.	Box 18	Folder 47
1961 - May 19.	Box 18	Folder 48
1961 – Sept	Box 18	Folder 49
1962 - June 5.	Box 18	Folder 50

Rampages.

Trainpu8co.		
Title/Description	Instances	
1960 June.	Box 18	Folder 46
1964 - Nov. 6.	Box 18	Folder 51
1965 – Jan 22	Box 18	Folder 52
1965 – Dec 17	Box 18	Folder 53
1966 - Jun. 8.	Box 18	Folder 54
1968 - June.	Box 18	Folder 55
1968 – Dec. 6	Box 18	Folder 56
1969 - May 2.	Box 18	Folder 57
1969 – June	Box 18	Folder 58
1972 - Nov. 10.	Box 19	Folder 5
1972 – Dec. 22	Box 18	Folder 59
1979 - Feb. 14.	Box 19	Folder 1
1979 – March 22	Box 19	Folder 2
1979 – June	Box 18	Folder 60
1979 – Oct 25	Box 18	Folder 61
1979 – Oct 25	Box 18	Folder 61

1988 - Apr. 25.	Box 18	Folder 65
1980 – March 28	Box 18	Folder 64
1980 - Feb. 14.	Box 18	Folder 63
1979 – Nov 30	Box 18	Folder 62

Title/Description

Instances

Oct 1892-July 1894. Jan 1896-July 1896.

Oct 1908-May 1909.

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Series XI. Schoolwork Series, 1889-1959

Scope and Contents

Another small series which includes samples of work and grade reporting from different years. There is a set of Trim Bissell's 1959 English papers, Florence Hamblin's 1915 English and Physiology notes as well as growth records, recording the student's physical growth, from 1939.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bissell, Trim, English 1959.	Box 2	Folder 1
Hamblin, Florence, Eng. Physiol 1915.	Box 2	Folder 2
Psychology I Exam.	Box 2	Folder 3
Credit slips, 1932/37.	Box 2	Folder 4
Student reports, 1932/37.	Box 2	Folder 5
Home Record Card, 1932-40.	Box 2	Folder 6
Growth Records, 1939.	Box 2	Folder 7
Certificate of Progress, 1939.	Box 2	Folder 8
Class Certificate, 1939.	Box 2	Folder 9
Barber, Bob, Grade Book, 1929.	Box 2	Folder 10
Senior High Grade Sheet, n.d.	Box 2	Folder 11
Junior High Grade Sheet, n.d.	Box 2	Folder 12
A.J. Nefferan Astronomy Class Notebook, 1889	Box 2	Folder 14

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Series XII. Miscellaneous, 1901-1970, n.d.

Scope and Contents

Within this series there are event tickets, land records, a copy of the 1915 class song, Helios clippings as well as a copy of a 1939 Hilltopper newspaper.

Title/Description	Instances	
House of Representatives, Revised Constitution, 1910 See Coll. 316.	Collection 316	
The Searchlight, 1923.	Box 5	Folder 15
Rams Horn, 1968.	Box 5	Folder 16
Event Tickets, 1957-1970.	Box 5	Folder 17
CHS Land Records, n.d.	Box 5	Folder 18
Class Song and Officers, n.d.	Box 5	Folder 19
Helios Clippings, 1901.	Box 5	Folder 20
Hilltopper Newspaper, 1939.	Box 5	Folder 21
Class Song, "Dear Old Central Song", 1912 [sheet music]	Box 19	Folder 7
"Class Song, 1915" [sheet music] See also Coll. 235 for other Central High related sheet music.	Box 19	Folder 8
Helios Certificate / Central Interscholastic Press Assoc., 1924.	Box 19	Folder 6
Land Records, oversized, 1907, 1976	Box 19	Folder 3
Postcard of School, 1910.	Box 5	Folder 22
Dedication notice 1958 Helios	Box 5	Folder 23

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Unprocessed material, including athletics photographs, Agona Box 40 scrapbook