

# Guide to the Pundits, Yale University, Records

RU 308



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives  
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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 308

**CREATOR:** Yale University. Pundits

**TITLE:** Pundits, Yale University, records

**DATES:** 1884-2016

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 11.58 linear feet (12 boxes)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 48.9 Megabytes

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of correspondence, photographs, pledge sheets, clippings, and miscellaneous files documenting the endeavors of the Yale Pundits.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The records were transferred from the Pundits, 1996-2010 and 2015-2016.

## Conditions Governing Access

Access to the records is restricted. Written permission of president of organization required.

Some records in this finding aid have been redacted, as they include student names, donor names, and other restricted data. These records will not appear in the published finding aid.

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## Preferred Citation

Pundits, Yale University, Records (RU 308). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

The Pundits was founded in 1884 by members of the Class of 1887 and survived for one year. It appeared again in 1899, 1903, and in 1994. The plan of its meetings called for the chosen writer "to set up an ideal as an idol," which the other members were to demolish if possible. One of their first deeds was the establishment of a prize for an essay "on some need of the College and how it may be supplied, or on some tendency of a feature contrary to the welfare of the College, and how it may best be amended." Like its predecessors, the Pundits plan and execute pranks directed toward other Yale clubs, societies, and organizations.

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## Scope and Contents

The records consist of correspondence, photographs, pledge sheets, clippings, and miscellaneous files documenting the endeavors of the Yale Pundits.

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## General note

Forms part of Yale Record Group 40 (YRG 40), Records of Yale clubs, societies, and organizations.

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## Arrangement

The records are arranged by accession.

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## Collection Contents

### Accession 19ND-A-482: Records, 1903-1911

b.1

Records

1903-1911

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## **Accession 1997-A-041: Memorabilia, 1992-1996**

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Memorabilia

1992-1996

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## Accession 1998-A-028: Records, 1994-1997

b. 1, f. 1 - 3	Miscellaneous	1994-1997
b. 1, f. 4	E-mail correspondence	1996-1997
b. 1, f. 5	Photographs and pledge sheets	undated

## Accession 2007-A-137: Records, 1957-2006

b. 1, f. 1	Activities	1995-2006
b. 1, f. 2	Clippings	1957-2005
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence	1972, 1995
b. 1, f. 4	Photographs	1995



**Accession 2008-A-031: Records, 1884-2007**

b. 1, f. 1	Class and signature lists	1884-2001
b. 1, f. 2	Emergency phone tree	2007
b. 1, f. 3	History	1884-1996
b. 1, f. 6	Play list	1991
b. 1, f. 7	Activities	2006-2007
b. 1, f. 8	Reunion	2006
b. 1, f. 9	Yale Class Book/Banner info on Pundits	1952-1980
b. 2-4	<p>Computer files  <i>1 Audio Disc (CD)</i></p> <p>Original born digital files, as well as preservation masters, may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist request that they be made. Born digital files cannot be accessed remotely. System requirements include a Manuscripts and Archives computer and file viewing software.</p> <p>Activities  <i>21 Computer Files (.pdf)</i></p>	
	<p>Alumni directory  <i>1 Computer File computer file (XLS)</i></p>	1991-2006
	<p>Newsclippings  <i>4 Computer Files (.pdf)</i></p>	

**Accession 2010-A-075: Records, 2008-2010***0.25 linear feet*

b. 1, f. 1	Bazaar for Undergraduate Organizations	2008
b. 1, f. 2	Ephemera	2009-2010
b. 1, f. 3	Newsclippings	2008-2009
b. 1, f. 4	Notes and email	2008-2009

**Accession 2010-A-084: Records, 2009-2010***3.5 linear feet (2 boxes)*

b. 1, f. 1	Internal documents re: recruitment and tap	2009-2010
b. 1, f. 2	News clippings and ephemera	2009-2010
b. 1, f. 3	Pundits screw [novelty handcuffs]	
b. 1, f. 4	Sash from first party	
b. 1, f. 5	The <i>Yale Literary Magazine</i> (XXI:II)	
	Gift to TBIYTB from 2008 alum [dong bong]	
f. 2	Kissing poster	
f. 2	John Gaddis, "Art of Biography Seminar," Titanic prank poster	
f. 2	Mock up copy of <i>Yale Literary Magazine</i> (XXII: I)	

**Accession 2016-A-028: Records, 2013-2015**

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence (pranks)	2013-2015
b. 1, f. 2	News clippings	2015
b. 1, f. 3	"Overheard at Yale" Facebook group	2015
b. 1, f. 4	Parent's weekend Apple product coupon prank	2015
b. 1, f. 5	"Angels" playbill: playwright Otis Blum dedicates show to the Pundits	2015
b. 1, f. 6	"Rumpus" Yale student magazine	2015 March
b. 1, f. 7	Rush invitation	2015

## **Accession 2016-A-053: Records, 2012-2013**

b. 1, f. 1

Event invitations, ephemera, news clippings

2012-2013

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## **Accession 2016-A-057: Event posters**

b. 1, f. 1

Event posters

Undated posters hung on main campus by members of Pundits during a visit by Mr. Charles B. Johnson '54.

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## **Accession 2017-A-011: Records, 2015–2016**

b. 1, f. 1

News clippings and ephemera

2015–2016

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

College students -- Societies, etc.

Literature -- Societies, etc.

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale University. Pundits

Yale University -- Societies, etc.

Yale University -- Students