Rutgers and the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918

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The Rutgers University Archives serves as the final repository for the historical records of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Its primary purpose is to document the history of the University and to provide source material for interested persons who seek to evaluate the impact of the University's activities on the history of American social, cultural, and intellectual development.
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Rutgers University History

Benevolent Patriot: Henry Rutgers, 1745–1830, by David J. Fowler

An extensive biographical essay on the life and times of Henry Rutgers. Revolutionary war patriot, New York State legislator, brewer, and noted philanthropist for whom Rutgers University is named. The essay is a revised version that originally appeared in the catalog accompanying the exhibition, "Benevolent Patriot: The Life and Times of Henry Rutgers," February 15–July 30, 2010, Special Collections & University Archives, Archibald S. Alexander Library, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
Finding Aids, Guides, and Databases to University Archives Collections

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The following individual finding aids are available:

**Administrative Records of Rutgers University**

**A. Boards of Trustees and Governors**

**Rutgers University, Governors, Educational Policy and Planning Committee (RG 02/C2)**

The Board of Governors Educational Planning and Policy Committee was established in 1950 and was charged with examining Rutgers’ “educational effectiveness.” The papers in this collection comprise meeting minutes and agendas, and reports and studies on such subjects as program proposals and changes; diversity amongst students and staff; promotions, tenures, and retirements; and other matters.

**Rutgers University, Board of Trustees, Inventory to the Records of the Queen’s College, Rutgers College and Rutgers University Board of Trustees: Manuscript Minutes, Enclosures, and Subject Files 1778-1956 (RG 03/A0/02)**

The records of the Rutgers University Board of Trustees date from 1778 to 1956. The records include rough drafts of meeting minutes and materials enclosed with the minutes such as correspondence, financial records, committee reports, other types of reports and informative documents, and legal documents. During the period covered by this collection, the Board of Trustees had almost all of the responsibility for running the College. Items which appear routinely in the records include: considerations over land and buildings; lists of students recommended by the faculty for degrees; correspondence on honorary degrees, financial accounts (usually in April), materials on relations with the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church and, later, with the state of New Jersey; and personnel considerations.

**Rutgers University Board of Trustees, Inventory to the Records of the Special Committee to Investigate the Charges of Lienhard Bergel, 1934-1945 (RG 03/C2)**

The Special Trustees Committee to Investigate the Charges of Lienhard Bergel files contain materials related to a series of 1935 hearings held at Rutgers University. The charges stemmed from the dismissal of Professor Lienhard Bergel from the faculty of the New Jersey College for Women German Department. Bergel, an opponent of fascism, accused department chairman Friedrich Hauptmann of making his decision based on his pro-Nazi sentiment. After the American Civil Liberties Union became involved in Bergel’s case, Rutgers President Robert C. Clothier created a five-member Special Trustees Committee to hear Bergel’s claims and establish a final decision. The resulting hearings, which began on May 21, 1935 and lasted two months, ended in a decision in Hauptmann’s favor. The files, which include a partial transcript of the hearings themselves, are divided into three series. I. Hearing Files, II. Committee Hearings, and III. Newsclopping.

**Rutgers University, Board of Trustees, Special Committee on Reorganization, Inventory to the Records of the Rutgers University Board of Trustees, Special Committee on Reorganization, 1947-1956 (RG 03/C3)**
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The following institutional finding aids are available:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

A. Boards of Trustees and Governors

Rutgers University, Board of Governors: Educational Policy and Planning Committee [MS 1079]

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Rutgers University, Board of Trustees: Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rutgers University College [MS 1079]; Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rutgers University College [MS 1079]; Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rutgers University College [MS 1079]

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Rutgers University, Board of Trustees: Minutes of the Special Committee to Investigate the Charges of Lambertsberg, 1934-1935 [MS 1079]; Minutes of the Special Committee to Investigate the Charges of Lambertsberg, 1934-1935 [MS 1079]; Minutes of the Special Committee to Investigate the Charges of Lambertsberg, 1934-1935 [MS 1079]

The Special Committee to Investigate the Charges of Lambertsberg prepared materials relating to a series of hearings held at Rutgers University. The charges stemmed from the dismissal of Professor Lambertsberg from the faculty of the New Jersey College for Women (German Department). After an appeal of his dismissal, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York vacated the decision based on the pre-Nazi sentiment. After the American Civil Liberties Union became involved in the case, Rutgers President Robert C. Colelchi created a fact-finding committee to investigate the charges and established a final decision. The resulting hearings, which began on May 21, 1935, lasted ten days. The final decision, which is not available, resulted in a hearing conducted in the building. The files, which include a partial transcript of the hearing, are divided into three series, I. Hearing File, II. Committee Hearings, and III. Newsclippings.

Rutgers University, Board of Trustees: Special Committee or Reorganization, 1934-1935 [MS 1079]; Special Committee on Reorganization, 1934-1935 [MS 1079]; Special Committee on Reorganization, 1934-1935 [MS 1079]

Commissioned on February 20, 1935, the Special Committee on Reorganization was established to explore certain methods of university reorganization. Its deliberations led to the official establishment of Rutgers at the Ohio University of New York in 1935, as well as the establishment of the Board of Governors, functioning until May 1935, when Governor Robert M. Myers signed the reorganization proposal into law.
both internal operations of the university during this critical period as well as its relations to the State of New Jersey. The records, which cover the years 1925 to 1952, are arranged in six series: I. Subject Files, II. Committee Files, III. Faculty and Administrators Files, IV. Writings and Speeches, V. Trustees and Trustees’ Committee Records, and VI. Commencements, Dedications, and Celebrations.

Rutgers University: Office of the President. Inventory to the Records of the Lewis Webster Jones Administration. Group II: Academic Freedom Cases, 1942-1958 (RG 04/A5/02)

The records of the Academic Freedom series created in the Office of Rutgers president Lewis Webster Jones consists of four manuscript boxes of documents that span from 1942-1958. The earliest records document the professional histories of Professors Heimlich, Finley, and Glasser, and the latest documents concern the Board of Governors dealing with censure by the AAUP and AALS. The bulk of the material is from 1952-1953, documenting the procedures of the University in evaluation of the cases and dismissal or resignation of the professors. The records are arranged into two subseries.

Rutgers University: Office of the President. Inventory to the Records of the Mason Welch Gross Administration, 1936, 1945-1971 (RG 04/A16)

Administrative records generated by the Office of the President at Rutgers University during the administration of Mason Gross, 1959-1971. These records document a period of enormous growth of the university, as well as a time of social upheaval and political protest. The records also include Gross’ speech and writing files and his faculty papers as Professor of Philosophy.

Rutgers University: Office of the President. Inventory to the Records of the Lewis Webster Jones Administration. Group I: Administrative Records, 1957-1958 (RG 04/A5/01)

Administrative records generated by the Office of President at Rutgers University during the tenure of Lewis Webster Jones, 1951 to 1958. Arranged into two series (University files and Subject files), the records document the growth in enrollment, programs and facilities at Rutgers during the post-World War II era. Of particular interest is a major change in the governance of the university during Dr. Jones’ presidency, as the Board of Governors with public appointments by the Governor of New Jersey, solidifies Rutgers as the State University of New Jersey.

C. Administrative Offices of the University

Rutgers College: War Service Bureau. Inventory to the Records of the War Service Bureau, 1917-1919 (RG 33/C0)

The Rutgers College War Service Bureau was founded with the intention of helping the Rutgers students, alumni, and staff in touch with one another as they served in World War I. The records contain letters from members of the Rutgers community regarding their activities during the war on the home front and abroad. It also contains bulletins from Earl Reed Silver, the director of the War Service Bureau, about activities at Rutgers during the war.

Rutgers Defense Council. Inventory to the Records of the Rutgers Defense Council, 1941-1945 (RG 41/H1)

The records of the Rutgers Defense Council are those maintained by Dean Norman C. Miller, who served as Chairman of the Council from December 1941 to June 1945. The records include correspondence, mostly between Miller and other university administrators, as well as various statements and memoranda relating to defense activities on Rutgers’ New Brunswick campuses. Also included are forms relating to Rutgers’ function as a center for information on civilian defense, and U.S. Government bulletins, charts and communications on civil defense, air raid instructions, and materials and rosters for fire fighting and first aid training courses. Most of the material is from 1942, when local defense activities were being arranged and organized. Virtually all the correspondence, which comprises the bulk of the material, deals with the administrative and organizational activities of the Council. Communications from the U.S. Government provide a detailed account of civil defense procedures deemed necessary for the protection of east coast residents against possible foreign hostilities. Within the General Correspondence series are several documents which highlight the history of the Rutgers Defense Council, and present a picture of university life and concerns during wartime. The Subject file series includes documents that relate the Council’s activities to national defense efforts in general, and materials indicating the wide scope of the Rutgers community’s involvement in campus civil defense activities.
Rutgers College
War Service
Bureau Records
Administrative Information

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Processing Note

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Detailed Description of the Collection/Container List

This section provides descriptions of the materials found within each series. Each series description is followed by a container list, which gives the titles of the "containers" (for example, folders, volumes, or cassettes) and their locations in the numbered boxes that comprise the collection. The availability of any digital items from a container is indicated with a hyperlink.

I. Personal Correspondence, 1917-1919

Arrangement: Alphabetical folders by name of correspondent and chronological within folders.

Summary: The series contains letters and cards from Rutgers students, former students, and alumni (and/or their family members), often with carbon copies of Earl Reed Silvers' responses. Topics include requests for information and descriptions of experiences while in military service.

Note: RC refers to graduating class year from Rutgers College. In the cases of those students who did not complete a degree at Rutgers, the RC year reflects when they were expected to graduate. Folders that only contain correspondence from an alumnum's family members are filed under the name of the alumnus. If the letter writer was not affiliated with Rutgers in any way, or if a writer's relationship to an alumnus cannot be determined, this is noted in the folder listing.

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N. BLOOMFIELD, RUTGERS MAN IS DROWNED

Was Electrician on Submarine Chaser—Washed Overboard and Meets Death of Entrance to Chesapeake Bay.

NORMAN S. BLOOMFIELD, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and Bloomingdale, and 32, Farewell Ave., New York City, has been identified as the man who was washed overboard and met a tragic and untimely death last Tuesday afternoon off the Chesapeake Bay.

The body of Norman S. Bloomfield, who had been with the United States Navy for four years, was recovered by the Same boat and brought to New York City for identification and burial services.

The death of the man caused a great shock to his family and friends in New York City, where he had been living for several weeks.

Letter written but not finished dated Norfolk, June 28th, 1936.

Dear Dad—

At last the opportunity presents itself to at least start a nice little talk with you via Uncle Sam's mail routes. For the past two weeks it has been go, go and then we pulled in here [Norfolk] I had only time enough to scribble a line to Mother.

We started out yesterday but it was too rough [listen] so we put back after we were had come from the engine room hatch and caught me with my head down in the blog fixing the suction pipe, it pulled my shirt right up out of my pants. Can you imagine what the life of Submarine Chaser is? Joe, I was glad when you went back because I had a face like a pumpkin from back teeth with an ache. It felt better after it was attended to by a dentist.

I received your two letters the other day with the others and now had read well. You know I must say that it was unexpected and peculiar to be under fire on this side of the Tien. However, I was glad for one thing because I always wondered how I would get in just such an emergency. Strange to say it had a particularly exciting effect on me, causing me to wonder why God willed they men should die. We have not the Sub any more than that way after a day and a half of waiting. We travelled Saturday evening and at 3:00 Sunday morning all were well awake and on deck we saw one of the transports had gone a shell and the rest of the transports in line changed course and let go in turn. The Submarine submerged and let go a torpedo. The position of the Sub in a line of Chasers running parallel on each side of the transports which travelled so as to complete the letter M with Torpedo boats leading and a Battleship in the Line. The Torpedo boats fell off where the Sub was and let go depth bombs 5 at a clock. How got out Mr. Sub. Subnet for oil and fuel went up about 40 ft. and oil came up about 400 feet deep. In the meantime a Sub struck his nose up between us and the Transport and bing, the transports met fire and the shells hit just off our port bow. We kept on until about 3 P.M. and then met a Sub away from New York. We turned back for Norfolk and listened on the way. We lowered the Sub, and worked it down to within a hundred yards and requested permission to drop bombs but were not permitted and told to proceed to Norfolk, the Captain of the Sub who would not give us permission got our good papers, especially mine some of us get up 4 times and last was alarm. However, when we pulled into Norfolk we learned to our surprise that the Sub we were not permitted to attempt to destroy was a Sub of the U. S. Navy. That was the Sub that got the Dutchman the next day.

These boys in our Subs take more chances than anybody in the Navy for sometimes one of these chasers going to the Periscope net and particularly this one was smoking and we kept on with the engines and fire. On the way up from New London a Battleship mistake a Sub Chaser and rammed her and ships 800 miles off shore. Likewise another one gets here in the bow. Another one dragged...
Records of the Office of the President. William H. S. Demarest
RU CORE: Targum
Record for Targum

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*Publisher*: Targum Association

*Name*: Rutgers University; Rutgers College

*Date Created*: 1920-09-28

*Subject*: College students—New Jersey—New Brunswick—Social life and customs; Rutgers College—Periodicals; Rutgers University—Periodicals; Rutgers College—Students; Rutgers University—Students

*Type*: Online Resource (text)

*Description*: Some university traditions indicate that the Targum was first published as an annual in 1861. But of this we have no certain evidence. In January 1866, the Targum (as we now know it) made its appearance as a monthly paper that concerned itself with student literary contributions and college news as well as serving as a vehicle for bringing news to alumni and the general public. The newspaper, which originally was for sale, turned in popularity over the years as did all others to include the Targum, Rutgers Targum, Rutgers Daily Targum, and Daily Rutgers. The newspaper has continuously been published since 1953 with the exception of 15 months during the second world war, between January 1441 and October 1945. The Targum was published by the students of Rutgers College, and later Rutgers University—New Brunswick's representatives through the years as the Targum Association, Rutgers Targum Association, and Rutgers College Targum. As a student organization, the Targum operates under the oversight of the dean of students and students government but in October 1948 the Targum became an independent college paper.

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PEP PLANS CALL ALL OUT TO CHEER TEAM AT PRACTICE

Big Mass Meeting to be Held Friday Night

Enthusiastic plans were made at a Senior Council meeting last night for a roaring series of cheering practices at the field every afternoon this week. Every man in college is expected to be present, so that the team can be made to realize that although student body is behind it, and expects it to win. Plans have been made for a huge mass meeting on Friday evening, which will be addressed by several exceptionally good speakers.

The Year Given an Enthusiastic Start at Big Meeting

About six hundred undergraduates and alumni gathered at Baltusrol gymnasium.

Freshmen at Cheering Practice

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon the freshmen assembled the evergreen freshmen in front of Winsor Hall and after roll call lined them up for a parade to Neilson Field. One glorious sight it was to see so many in their colors, marching in true Yale style, along College avenue.

Calendar

Sept. 28-Oct. 5

September 29: Wednesday night, Fine Arts Room, 6.45. First meeting of Y. M. C. A. Dr. Dennewitz will speak.
October 2: Intercollegiate football game University of Maryland, Neilson Field, 3 p.m.
October 3: Sunday Chapel, Kirkpatrick Chapel, 4.15 a.m.
October 6: Y. M. C. A. Fine Arts Room, 6.45 p.m.

SOPHOMORES WIN FIRST RUSH OF SEASON

Proc Rush Furnishes Usual Excitement

Although the freshmen turned out in a large number, the excitement was mainly furnished by the sophomores' usual enthusiasm.

URSINUS SURPRISES SCARLET WINS OPENING GAME 14-7

The Rutgers-Columbia Agricultural Course

This fall Rutgers and the New Jersey State College of Agriculture have joined with Columbia in an agricultural program which is new in academic history. The three institutions each contribute to an agricultural course that they are best equipped to give, and thus give the student the advantage of the resources of the three institutions. The agricultural student wishing to take this course studies the first two years chiefly in Columbia; the subjects of the last two years are given by Rutgers and the New Jersey State College of Agriculture. The requirements for admission to the course are the same as the entrance requirements at Columbia, but the degree of B.Sc.

First Ursinus Score in Years

Rutgers and Ursinus opened their 1920 football seasons by playing each other on Neilson Field Saturday afternoon with the sun blazing down on the largest gathering of spectators that has ever attended the first game of the season in New Brunswick, and the players, making life generally uncomfortable. The contest has left an impression on the memories of both colleges. Ursinus is bubbling over with joy as the victory she gained over a Rutgers team coached by the mighty G. Foster Sanford, one of the foremost football magnates. Rutgers on the other hand is ashamed of herself for allowing the Pennsylvania team to triumph by the score of 14 to 7. It must be taken into consideration that
Neilson Campus
New Jersey College for Women Commencement
Exercises
Paul Robeson, 1898-1976