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## FINDING AID TO THE FERD CHRISTEN SCRAPBOOK, 1918-1926

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator Information</b>	Christen, Ferd Edward, 1902-1979
<b>Title</b>	Ferd Christen scrapbook
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSA 326
<b>Date Span</b>	1922-1926
<b>Abstract</b>	Scrapbooks, booklets, clippings, dance cards, photographs, programs, and tickets documenting the student life of Agriculture major Ferd Christen.
<b>Extent</b>	.45 cubic feet (1 flat box)
<b>Finding Aid Author</b>	Stephen Horrocks
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Repository</b>	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

## Administrative Information

<b>Location Information:</b>	ASC
<b>Access Restrictions:</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Donated by Arnold Sweet, October 1, 2013.
<b>Accession Number:</b>	20131001
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<b>Related Materials Information:</b>	College of Agriculture, Agricultural Fraternities, Societies, and Associations, records, 1880s-2000  <a href="http://collections.lib.purdue.edu/fa/pdf/ua00025-ag-fraternities.pdf">http://collections.lib.purdue.edu/fa/pdf/ua00025-ag-fraternities.pdf</a>

## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Persons**

Christen, Ferd Edward, 1902-1979

### **Organizations**

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

### **Form and Genre Types**

Booklets

Clippings (information artifacts)

Dance cards

Photographs

Programs (documents)

Scrapbooks

Tickets

## Biography of Ferd Christen

Ferguson "Ferd" Edward Christen was born October 24, 1902 in Root Township, Adams County, Indiana to parents Edward Christen and Fannie Marlow. He attended Purdue University from 1922-1926, where he was a member of the Delta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He was also a member of Purdue's R.O.T.C., various agriculture student groups, and the 1926 Junior Prom organizing committee. Christen graduated from Purdue with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1926. On September 14, 1935, Christen married Louise Marie McCarthy in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and the couple had three children together: Phyllis Ann, Samuel Ellis, and John Edward. Ferd and Louise lived in Decatur, Indiana for most of their married life, and Ferd was buried at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery there when he passed away on December 10, 1979.

Source(s):

"Adams County, Indiana." *RootsWeb*,  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~inadams/Cemeteries/RootTwnshp/StJoseph/Pt1.html>, accessed March 29, 2017.

"Family of Christen, Ferd Edward and McCarthy, Louise Marie." *UC Observatories*,  
<https://www.ucolick.org/~sla/gramps/tree/fam/b/5/4YP49RLGCA6MIUPY5B.html>, accessed March 29, 2017.

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## Collection Description

### Scope

The Ferd Christen scrapbook (1918-1926; .45 cubic feet) documents Ferd Christen's student life at Purdue University during the 1920s. Though Christen attended Purdue from 1922-1926, the scrapbook focuses mostly on the years 1924-1926. Christen collected mostly materials related to student events and organizations, especially those for/by Agriculture majors and the university-wide Junior Prom. Types of materials include: scrapbooks, photographs, booklets, clippings, tickets, dance cards, and programs.

**Descriptive Rules** Describing Archives: A Content Standard

### Processing Information

Original order of the materials has been retained. All loose materials have been housed in polyester sleeves and returned to their original location.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

**1 Box**    *Leather-bound scrapbook with hand-made Purdue crest on the cover*

Item

1. Cover page with Christen's personal information
2. Friends list with autographs, addresses, birthdays, and "a toast", June 1926.
3. Student organization booklets and constitutions, 1918-1925.
4. "Membership Card of the Purdue Democratic Club"
5. Purdue fiftieth anniversary commemoration programs and tickets, May 1924.
6. School of Agriculture competition ribbons, 1925-1926.
7. Clippings and selections, *Purdue Exponent* and *The Purdue Agriculturist* re: student activities, 1925 Junior Prom (featuring Christen as Committee Chair), 1924-1926.
8. Two small Alpha Gamma Rho metal charms, n.d.
9. Two group photographs, Junior Prom, 1926.
10. Portraits, Ferd Christen, n.d.
11. Group portraits and newspaper clippings, Purdue [Poultry] Judging Team, 1926.
12. Dance cards, programs, and invitations, 1924-1926.
13. Alpha Gamma Rho event programs and booklets, 1923-1926.
14. Purdue Egg Show clippings, fliers, and photographs, 1923.
15. R.O.T.C. group portrait, 1924.
16. Fraternity members and house photographs, n.d.
17. Various photographs, Christen with unidentified individuals, n.d.
18. Compilation photograph, School of Agriculture graduating class, 1926.
19. Purdue Gala Week leather-bound program with graduation list, 1926.
20. Commencement program, 1926.