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Philosophy Club Papers, 1996-2017

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Reference Code (2.1): Student Organizations 833 Philosophy Club

Name and Location of Repository (2.2): Special Collections, Lane Library, Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus, Savannah, GA. 31419

Title (2.3): The Philosophy Club Papers, 1996-2017

Date(s) (2.4): 1996-2017, bulk 1996-1998, 2000-2005

Extent (2.5): 0.67 linear feet (0.8 inches). The collection holds the contents of five, three-ring binders. Binder one (12 x 10.5 inches) has approximately 115 pages of material; binder two (12 x 10.5 inches) has approximately 130 pages of material; binder three (12 x 10.5 inches) has approximately 70 pages of material; binder four (11.5 x 10 inches) has approximately 20 pages of material; binder five (11.5 x 10 inches) has approximately 40 pages of material.

Name of Creator(s) (2.6): The Philosophy Club

Scope and Content (3.1): The collection includes founding documents, fiscal records, student and faculty publications and periodicals, social fliers, photographs, and letters of Armstrong State University’s Philosophy Club. The records are divided into five binders; binder one (1996-1997) includes the club’s constitution, newsletters, mailing lists, meeting calendars, fundraiser information, fiscal records, and issues of The Philosopher’s Stone from various years; binder two (1996-1997) includes photographs, social fliers, and issues of The Philosopher’s Stone; binder three (1997-1998) includes letters, event fliers, and issues of The Philosopher’s Stone; binder four (2003-2004) includes magazine and newspaper articles and pictures, and issues of The Philosopher’s stone; binder five (2004-2005) includes issues of The Philosopher’s Stone.

Digital copies of The Philosopher’s Stone, originally available from Armstrong university’s website are available online from the Digital Commons @ Georgia Southern.

Arrangement note:
This collection is arranged both physically and intellectually. The records are physically arranged in their original, chronological order. However, there are records randomly placed throughout each of the binders.

To impose order, the intellectual arrangement highlights the series listed below:
Series 1: Founding Documents
Series 2: Fiscal Documents
Series 3: Event Fliers and Posters
Series 4: Publicity Materials
Series 5: Photographs
Series 6: The Philosopher’s Stone
Series 7: Dr. Theodore Nordenhaug’s Lecture
Conditions Governing Access (4.1): Unrestricted

Language and Scripts of Material (4.5): English

Administrative/Biographical History (2.7): On October 3, 1996, the constitution of The Philosophical Debate (currently named the Philosophy Club) was ratified by ten students and their faculty advisor-- Dr. Erik Nordenhaug of the Department of Languages, Literature, and Philosophy at Armstrong State University. In a letter to the Student Activities Committee, Tiffanie L.C. Rogers and Dr. Erik Nordenhaug explained that students interested in discussing philosophy began meeting in the Fall of 1995 as a study and reading group. However, as the size of the students participating in these discussions grew, the group pushed for recognition as a student organization. The Philosophical Debate was officially recognized as a student organization on October 29, 1996. Since the creation of the Philosophical Debate, students and faculty members have held weekly and monthly meetings centered around *The Philosopher’s Stone*-- a student publication. The topic of *The Philosopher’s Stone* and the frequency of meetings is entirely dependent on the students, e.g. whether or not there even is a student who wants to write an issue, as well as their personal interests. Throughout the years, the Philosophical Debate has sponsored essay writing competitions, held booths and created raffles for Celebrate Armstrong, as well as had guest lecturers travel to Armstrong to discuss philosophical issues. The club also has a website, phil.armstrong.edu, where digital copies of *The Philosopher’s Stone* are archived.


Access Points:
Armstrong State University
Armstrong State University--Societies, etc.
Armstrong State University-- Periodicals-- The Philosopher’s Stone
Erik Nordenhaug
Philosophy--Societies, etc.
The Philosophy Club
The Philosophy Club--Periodicals
The Philosophical Debate Group