

# Guide to the Yale Debate Association Records

RU 75



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 75

**CREATOR:** Yale Debate Association

**TITLE:** Yale Debate Association records

**DATES:** 1947-2008

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 10 linear feet (22 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of correspondence, annual reports, budget and accounting records, rosters, memoranda, photographs and general administrative records concerning the activities of Rollin G. Osterweis as director of the Yale Debate Association.

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- b. box
- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

The Yale Debate Association was founded in 1908.

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## Scope and Contents

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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 in two series: I. Correspondence, 1948-1974. II. Subject Files, 1948-1980; and subsequent accessions.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1948-1974

#### 1948-1949

b. 1, f. 1	A
b. 1, f. 2	B
b. 1, f. 3	C
b. 1, f. 4	D-G
b. 1, f. 5	H
b. 1, f. 6	I-N
b. 1, f. 7	O-R
b. 1, f. 8	St-T
b. 1, f. 9	U-Z

#### 1949-1950

b. 2, f. 10	A-B
b. 2, f. 11	C-D
b. 2, f. 12	E-H
b. 2, f. 13	I-N
b. 2, f. 14	P-V
b. 2, f. 15	W-Z

#### 1950-1951

b. 2, f. 16	A-C
b. 2, f. 17	D-H
b. 2, f. 18	K-N
b. 3, f. 19	P-Z

#### 1951-1952

b. 3, f. 20	A-B
b. 3, f. 21	C-D
b. 3, f. 22	E-H
b. 3, f. 23	I-N
b. 3, f. 24	P-Z

1952-1953

b. 3, f. 25	A-C
b. 4, f. 26	D-K
b. 4, f. 27	L-S
b. 4, f. 28	T-Z

1953-1954

b. 4, f. 29	A-B
b. 4, f. 30	C-H
b. 4, f. 31	I-Z

1954-1955

b. 4, f. 32	A-C
b. 5, f. 33	D-G
b. 5, f. 34	H-M
b. 5, f. 35	N-R
b. 5, f. 36	S-Z

1955-1956

b. 5, f. 37	A-C
b. 5, f. 38	D-H
b. 6, f. 39	I-Z

1956-1957

b. 6, f. 40	A-D
b. 6, f. 41	E-I
b. 6, f. 42	J-Z

1957-1958

b. 6, f. 43	A-P
b. 6, f. 44	H-N
b. 7, f. 45	P-Z

1958-1959

b. 7, f. 46	A-C
b. 7, f. 47	D-M

## 1958-1959 (continued)

b. 7, f. 48 N-P

b. 7, f. 49 R-Z

## 1959-1960

b. 7, f. 50 A-C

b. 8, f. 51 D-H

b. 8, f. 52 L-R

b. 8, f. 53 S-Z

## 1960-1961

b. 8, f. 54 A-C

b. 8, f. 55 D-K

b. 8, f. 56 M-Z

## 1961-1962

b. 9, f. 57 A-G

b. 9, f. 58 H-L

b. 9, f. 59 M-P

b. 9, f. 60 R-Z

## 1962-1963

b. 9, f. 61 A-C

b. 9, f. 62 D-G

b. 10, f. 63 H-M

b. 10, f. 64 N-P

b. 10, f. 65 R-Z

## 1963-1964

b. 10, f. 66 A-C

b. 10, f. 67 D-J

b. 10, f. 68 K-P

b. 10, f. 69 R-Z

## 1964-1965

b. 11, f. 70 A-F

b. 11, f. 71 G-N

## 1964-1965 (continued)

b. 11, f. 72	P-Z
1965-1966	
b. 11, f. 73	A-D
b. 11, f. 74	E-P
b. 11, f. 75	R-Z
1966-1967	
b. 12, f. 76	A-D
b. 12, f. 77	E-P
b. 12, f. 78	R-Z
1967-1968	
b. 12, f. 79	A-D
b. 12, f. 80	E-N
b. 12, f. 81	P-Z
1968-1969	
b. 13, f. 82	A-J
b. 13, f. 83	L-Z
1969-1970	
b. 13, f. 84	A-C
b. 13, f. 85	D-M
b. 13, f. 86	N-Z
1970-1971	
b. 13, f. 87	A-L
b. 13, f. 88	M-Z
1971-1972	
b. 14, f. 89	A-M
b. 14, f. 90	N-Z
1972-1973	
b. 14, f. 91	A-N
b. 14, f. 92	P-Z
1973-1974	

1973-1974 (continued)

b. 14, f. 93

A-N

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N-Z

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**Series II: Subject files, 1948-1980**

## Accounts

b. 15, f. 1	1950-1958
b. 15, f. 2	1959-1965
b. 15, f. 3	1966-1968
b. 15, f. 4	1969-1973

## Annual Reports

b. 16, f. 5	1948-1949
b. 16, f. 6	1949-1950
b. 16, f. 7	1950-1951
b. 16, f. 8	1951-1952
b. 16, f. 9	1952-1953
b. 16, f. 10	1953-1954
b. 16, f. 11	1954-1955
b. 16, f. 12	1955-1956
b. 16, f. 13	1956-1957
b. 16, f. 14	1957-1958
b. 16, f. 15	1958-1959
b. 16, f. 16	1959-1960
b. 16, f. 17	1960-1961
b. 16, f. 18	1961-1962

## Debate Budget Book

b. 16, f. 19	1948-1955
b. 16, f. 20	1955-1961
b. 16, f. 21	1961-1967
b. 16, f. 22	1967-1972

## Debating, general

b. 17, f. 23	A - D	1948 June - 1956 September
b. 17, f. 24	E - P	1948 June - 1956 September

## Debating, general (continued)

b. 17, f. 25	R - Z	1948 June - 1956 September
b. 17, f. 26	History of the Harvard-Princeton-Yale Triangulars 1909-1959"	undated
b. 17, f. 27	Ivy League Debate Conference	1958
b. 17, f. 28	Memorandum to the Dean of Yale College regarding the Debating and Public Speaking Program at Yale	1948 June 18
b. 17, f. 29	Osterweis, Rollin G, Biography; corrected and final	1980 September
	Permanent Memoranda	
b. 17, f. 30	Yale Forensics A - F	1956-1967
b. 17, f. 31	Yale Forensics G - Z	1956-1967
b. 17, f. 32	Rosters	1951-1953
b. 17, f. 33	The Yale Forensic program	1956-1973

**Accession 2002-A-125: Photographs of the Yale Debate Association, 1947-1975**

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[Photographs](#)

1947-1975

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## Accession 2009-A-085: Photographs and memorabilia, 1948-2008

b. 1, f. 1	Manuscript (unpublished) of Rollin Osterweis, "American Oratory in Historical Perspective"	1980
b. 1, f. 2	Obituary and newsclippings re: documentary "Freedom to Speak" about Rollin Osterweis (1983)	1980-1983
Yale Debate Society group photographs		
b. 1, f. 3	1948-1949 (Bunden, Buckley, hadley, Osterweis, Shapiro, Looper, Chatiman?)	1948
b. 1, f. 4	1952-1953 (Schnell, Kohmeyer, Osterweis, Tullis, Meese, Lowell)	1953
b. 1, f. 5	Yale vs. Columbia debate poster	1976
b. 1, f. 6	"A Tribute to Rollin G. Osterweis"	1979
b. 1, f. 6	Memorial service leaflet for Rollin Gustav Osterweis	1982
b. 1, f. 6	Centennial reunion of the Yale Debate Association program of events	2008
b. 1, f. 6	Yale Debate Association centennial roster of attendees	2008
b. 1, f. 6	Constitution of the Yale Inter-College Debate League	1952 February 27
b. 2	77th Triangular Debate Championship Gavel	1968

**Accession 2009-A-171: Yale Debate Association memorabilia, circa 1960-1974**

b.1	<i>Basic Principles of Speech</i>	undated
b.1	<i>Speaker and Gavel</i>	1970 November
b.1	<i>The Guide to North American Platform Debate</i>	1974
b.1	<i>Manual for Debate</i> , prepared by the Intercollege Debate League	1960
b.1	photocopied article from <i>The Gavel</i> written by Rollin Osterweis	undated

**Accession 2010-A-078: Scrapbook documenting Rollin Osterweis and the Yale Debate Association, 1974-1978**

b. 1                   Scrapbook documenting Rollin Osterweis and the Yale Debate Association                 1974-1978

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### Subjects

College students -- Societies, etc.  
Debates and debating

### Names

Osterweis, Rollin G. (Rollin Gustav), 1907-1982

### Corporate Bodies

Yale Debate Association  
Yale University -- Societies, etc.  
Yale University -- Students