INDIANAPOLIS PRESS CLUB
GRIDIRON DINNER MATERIALS, 1957–1978

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder, 1 oversize manuscript folder

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Press Club was created on 10 April 1934 as a social and professional club for members of Indianapolis newspapers staff. Starting in 1947, the club started to host an annual Gridiron dinner. The dinner featured an assortment of entertainment, including comedic skits and politician "roasts" that made jokes about current political and social news. The dinner also featured elaborate joke advertisements and newspaper publications.

The Indianapolis Press Club closed in 2004 due to decreased membership. It was succeeded by the Indianapolis Press Club Foundation, which acts as a charity and scholarship organization.

Sources:

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes an assortment of newspapers and publications relating to the Indianapolis Press Club Gridiron dinners. The regular manuscript folder contains booklets and programs for the dinners dated from 1957 until 1978. The programs feature articles on dinner speakers, comedic interviews and articles, skit playbills, and member lists of the Indianapolis Press Club. The oversize manuscript materials include three satirical newspapers created by the club to advertise the Gridiron dinner. These newspapers are dated 1962, 1966, and an unknown date.
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