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Administrative History: "On Friday evening, Nov. 7, 1924, the English majors met with Mrs. Cherry, Miss Mason, Mr. Leiper, and Mr. Wilson as guests of Miss Mason and Mr. Leiper at Cabal [sic] Hall for the organizing of an English Club.... Mr. Leiper explained the purposes of organization into an English Club, which, in main were the study of (a) the general field of English; (b) the English course of study; (c) what is in our library pertaining to English; (d) the newest and best books on English; and (e) English conditions in the high schools of Kentucky."

From the 1924-1925 English Club minute book

The English Club, later known as the Leiper English Club, held regular meetings that generally included presentations by students and members of faculty, who were ex-officio members. The club was very active until the 1960s and seems to have disbanded in the 1970s.

Ted Hovet helped to re-establish the English Club in 1996 and it continues to thrive. Current activities include used book sales, open mic poetry/prose readings, and the 10th annual Goldenrod Festival of Poetry including a poetry writing contest.

Sponsors/Advisors (most dates listed as in minutes, actual begin and end dates may be different):

Macon Leiper 11/07/1924-

Emma Stith 02/07/1934

Gordon Wilson -10/03/1940

Dr. Cornette 10/03/1940-10/04/1942

Frances Richards 10/02/1947-03/05/1964

Frances Dixon 10/06/1964-05/1968

Ted Hovet 1996-2010

David LeNoir

Alex Poole

Beth Weixel

Jeff Rice

Jerod Hollyfield

Sandy Hughes 2005-

Gordon Wilson English Award for outstanding senior:

Grise, Mary Ruth 10/01/1959 (first)
Daugherty, Francis Leo 10/06/1960 (second)
Rossetter, Jenny 10/12/1961 (third)
Basham, Marty 10/04/1962 (fourth)
Reynolds, Barbara Fall 1963 (fifth)
Young, Patsy 11/03/1964 (sixth)
Gray, Betty 10/12/1965 (seventh)
Hawkins, Ann W. 03/14/1968
Boulton, Vera 04/04/1972
Storms, Linda 04/14/1973

Officers:

07/11/1924-02/09/1925

President: P.M. Grise

VP: Ronnie Marshall

Sec-Treas: Pearl Lowe

02/09/1925

President: Ronnie Marshall

VP: Claude Hightower

Sec-Treas: Frances Richards

10/20/1932

President: John Thomas

VP: Anna Mae Greenfield

Sec-Treas: Ellen Hatcher

02/06/1933

President: Mrs. W.M. Crabb

VP: Anna Mae Greenfield

Sec-Treas: Lucy Rennick

10/05/1933

President: Mary Schell

VP: Gladys Wilson

Sec-Treas: Joe M. Hibbs

02/07/1934

President: Quinn Pearl

VP: Rena Belle Angle

Sec-Treas: Anne Richardson

Reporter: Virginia Boston

10/04/1934

President: Rena Bell Angle

VP: Mary Jeff Jordan

Sec-Treas: Calista Beane

02/07/1935

President: Harold McCombs

VP: F.L. Pearl

Sec-Treas: Ann Calhoun

Spring 1940

President: Jo Allen Bryant

VP: Helen Tuttle

Sec-Treas: Sarah Yarbrough

10/03/1940

President: Paul Rutledge

VP: Sarah Bryzendine

Sec-Treas: Sara Yarbrough

Sergeant at Arms: George Conkin

02/06/1941

President: Dorothy Gilbert

VP: Don Backer

Sec-Treas: Margie Arbogast

Sergeant at Arms: Paul Rutledge

10/02/1941

President: George Conkin

VP: Frances Gilmore

Sec-Treas: Mary E. Puryear

Sergeant at Arms: Frank Bechtel

02/05/1942

President: Sarah Brigendine

VP: June Duncan

Sec-Treas: Net S. Richardson

Sergeant at Arms: John Searcy

10/04/1942

President: Mildred Ballinger

VP: James Berry

Sec-Treas: Ann Craven

Sergeant at Arms: George Riggs

01/07/1943

President: Ann Craven

VP: James Barry

Sec-Treas: Marietta Helton

Sergeant at Arms: Jimmy Gillenwater

1943 Fall minutes missing, following minutes mention:

President: James Barry

VP: McMurtry, Lucille

Secretary: Sue Davis

02/06/1944

President: Lucille McMurtry

VP: Nancy Catlett

Sec-Treas: Sue Davis

Sergeant at Arms: Jack McElroy

03/02/1944

VP: Mrs. Dennis Robertson

10/04/1944

President: Claire Barr

VP: Virginia Dedman

Sec-Treas: Mary Elizabeth Wallace

Sergeant at Arms: Hal Gilmore

Spring 1947?

President: John Johnson

VP: Billie McClellan

Sec-Treas: Hal Gilmore

Sergeant at Arms: James Mansfield

10/02/1947

President: Charles Loudermilk

VP: June Baxter

Sec-Treas: Jennie Foster

Sargeant at Arms: Hal Gilmore

04/05/1948

President: John Johnson

VP: Billie McClellan

Sec-Treas: Hal Gilmore

Sergeant at Arms: Ralph Curry

10/13/1948

President: John Johnson

VP: Corrine Jackson

Sec-Treas: Elaine Jones

Sergeant at Arms: Shelton, Lewis

01/06/1949

President: Barrett Greene

VP: John Cooke

Sec-Treas: Tom Cornwell

Sergeant at Arms: Joe Baxter

10/07/1949

President: Mrs. Billy D. Lewis

VP: Harold Lee

Sec-Treas: Rosemary Johnson

Sergeant at Arms: Harold Allen

01/05/1950

President: Harold Lee

VP: Robert Lively

Sec-Treas: Joan Graven

Sergeant at Arms: Albin Lee

10/05/1950

President: Margaret Griffin

VP: Larry Deweise

Sec-Treas: Ina Thornbury

Sergeant at Arms: James Coke

Spring 1951

President: Ina Thornbury

VP: Carolyn Botto

Sec-Treas: Rita Moss Sumpter

Sergeant at Arms: David Mefford

10/04/1951

President: Carolyn Botto

VP: Evelyn Bailey

Sec-Treas: David Mefford

Sergeant at Arms: Maurice Vincent

02/07/1952

President: Ina Thornbury

VP: Claude Pickard

Sec-Treas: Carolyn Botto

Sergeant at Arms: Roger Sumner

10/2/1952

President: Mary Alice Hanson

VP: Ann McKeel

Sec-Treas: Helen Leet

Sergeant at Arms: Ben Lindsey

02/05/1953

President: Helen Leet

VP: Fay Jefferies

Sec-Treas: Vera Grinstead

Sergeant at Arms: Joe Reneau

10/01/1953

President: Gene Puckett

VP: Bernice Deaton

Sec-Treas: Pat Moore

Sergeant at Arms: Wilford Friday

01/07/1954

President: Gene Puckett

VP: Pat Moore

Sec-Treas: Mearlene Hendrick

Sergeant at Arms: Bill Price

10/07/1954

President: Bill Bell

VP: Jane Winchester

Sec-Treas: Elizabeth McWhorter

Sergeant at Arms: Walt Apperson

02/03/1955

President: Elizabeth McWhorter

VP: Walt Apperson

Sec-Treas: Wanda Kirkham

Sergeant at Arms: Wayne Everley

10/06/1955

President: Lacy Wilkins

VP: Mary Ward

Sec-Treas: Bernice Deaton

Sergeant at Arms: Brents Dickinson

02/02/1956

President: James Atchison

VP: Mary Bridges

Sec-Treas: Nancy Hightower

Sergeant at Arms: Wayne Duncan

10/04/1956

President: Jim Maple

VP: Dewey Bratcher

Sec-Treas: Frances Catlett

Sergeant at Arms: Don Thornberry

02/07/1957

President: Clayton Shannon

VP: Nancy Hightower

Sec-Treas: Joan Heltsby

Sergeant at Arms: William Hensley

10/03/1957

President: Terry Kelsay

VP: William Hensley

Sec-Treas: Naomi Dempsey

Sergeant at Arms: Walter Langsford

02/06/1958

President: Joan Heltsby

VP: William Hensley

Sec-Treas: Helen Childress

Sergeant at Arms: Micky Riggs

03/31/1958 – 12/31/1958

President: Naomi Dempsey

VP: Mary Ruth Grise

Sec-Treas: Margaret Bell

Sergeant at Arms: John Boyd

01/07/1959

President: Naomi Dempsey

VP: Mary Ruth Grise

Sec-Treas: Mary Helen Jenkins

Sergeant at Arms: John Boyd

05/19/1959

President: Pat Stiff

VP: John Boyd

Sec-Treas: Judy Johnston

Sergeant at Arms: Curtis Wilkins

10/01/1959

President: Mary Ruth Grise

01/07/1960

President: Neil Ward

VP: Mary Ann Copas

Sec-Treas: Jill Gentry

Sergeant at Arms: Eddie Hocker

03/05/1960

President: Alice Chumbley

VP: Jackie Smith

Sec-Treas: Linda Tufts
Sergeant at Arms: Charles Wade

01/05/1961

President: Bob Hill
VP: James Skaggs
Sec-Treas: Viola Jones
Sergeant at Arms: Eddie Hocker

05/04/1961

President: Jenny Rossetter
VP: Diddy Wells Curran
Sec-Treas: Marty Basham
Sergeant at Arms: Chester Day

01/04/1962

President: Gene Vaughn
VP: Doris Lyons
Sec-Treas: Brenda Harmon
Publicity Chairman: Runell Asbury
Social Chairman: Bette Lou Miller
Sergeant at Arms: H.G. Mooningham

10/29/1962

President: Marty Basham
VP: Wallace Hayes
Sec-Treas: Barbara Reynolds
Sergeant at Arms: Raymond Grant

02/11/1963

President: Wallace Hayes
VP: Judy Dukes
Sec-Treas: Barbara Reynolds
Sergeant at Arms: Cyril Wantland

Fall 1963

President: Barbara Reynolds
VP: Sandra Stuart
Sec-Treas: Bessie Jones
Sergeant at Arms: Tommy Runner

Sources:

English Club minute books, UA68/6/2/3

Flynn, James, A Centennial History of the Department of English of Western Kentucky University, UA68/6/1

Hughes, Sandy. Email to April McCauley, re: English Club history, 06/24/2014, UA68/6/2/3

Description: Records of the English Club including minute books, programs, and banquet records.

Dates: 1924-present

03/05/1964

President: Joe DeSpain
VP: Bob Adams
Sec-Treas: Patsy Young
Sergeant at Arms: Jim Snyder

10/06/1964

President: Jim Thurmond
VP: Judy Lauth
Sec-Treas: Colleen Riley
Sergeant at Arms: Mike Devine

09/27/1965

President: Mary Louise Jones
VP: Betty Gray
Secretary: Brenda Fulkerson
Treasurer: Ann Rose Baird

09/25/1967

President: Chester Watson
VP: Kay Vaught
Secretary: Ann Hawkins
Treasurer: Nancy Locke

1972

President: Kathy Clifton
VP-Programs: Neata Hall
VP-Social Affairs: Janet Hunt
VP-Publicity: Nancy Banks
Secretary: Melinda Snider
Treasurer: Mona Hocker

1973

President: Maria Flynn
VP-Programs: Charles Newman
VP-Social Affairs: Gail Emberton
VP-Publicity: Georgia Disman
Secretary: Linda Storms
Treasurer: Scott Massey

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UA68.6.2.3	Records	Date
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Title	UA68 Potter College of Arts & Letters	
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Scope & Content	Subseries 2/3 Student Organizations English Club	
	WKU Archives	
	Records of the English Club including minute books, programs, and banquet records.	

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 1	1	English Club (WKU)	1928-1929, nd	Programs
Description	Programs for chapel presentations and a Christmas event.			Subjects Christmas music. Literature Poets Speeches, address, etc. Student organizations
	Bunch, Wendell Cherry, Elizabeth Cook, Leon Emberger, R.A. Hammond, W.R. Hines, Velma Lou Johnson, Lillian Melton, Jane Miles, Evelyn Price, Ruth Sanders, Margaret Scott, Lucile Thompson, Kelley			
Box 1	2	English Club (WKU)	1932-1973	Banquets
Description	UA1962-1 Margie Helm UA1992-132 Frances Richards UA1997-92 Gordon Wilson, Jr. UA1998-81 UA1990-10 Jim & Mary Folkner UA2002-52 Sally Richardson			Subjects Banquets Clippings Correspondence Invitations Programs Student organizations Songs
	Boulton, Vera Chelf, Carl College Heights Herald Silver Anniversary Edition, Vol. 26, No. 4, 4/6/1950, D2707 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/76/ Crabb, A.L. Drinking songs English Channel (WKU) English Club Banquet 1937, 1940, 1946, 1951-1952, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1960-1964 English Club Gazette, 05/06/1939, D2700 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/80/ English Club of Western Has Its Annual Banquet: Prof. Louis B. Solomon of English Department Chief Speaker, PCDN, 05/06/1932 Gosnell, Omer Grise, F.C.			

Huddleston, Paul
 Lee, L. Harold
 Leiper English Club Journal, Vol. 1, No. 1, 03/02/1950
 Thurmond, Jim Letter re: Invitation to 1965 Spring banquet, 05/04/1965
 Lively, Bobby
 Matthews, Harold
 Mims, Edwin
 Moore, Rhea
 Morton, David
 Pegasus
 Poet to Speak Here Tonight, np, 03/03/1949
 Richards, Frances
 Smith, Katherine
 Stone, Vernon
 Stonecipher, Sibyl
 Stuart, Jesse
 Thompson, Kelly
 Wilson, Gordon

Box 1	7	English Club (WKU)	1924-1925, 1953	Minute Book 1	
Description	D2718, Available online at https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/78/			Subjects	Constitutions Meetings Student organizations
	Allison, Ralph Baker, Tommie Chandler, Josephine Constitutions, 1924, 1953 Financial records Gaines, Hallie Grise, P.M. Hightower, Claude Leiper, Mason Lowe, Pearl Marshall, Ronnie Mason, Sue Belle Matthews, Rudy Membership Richards, Frances Wilson, Gordon				
Box 1	3	English Club (WKU)	1924-1933	Papers	
Description	Items removed from Minute Books 1 & 2			Subjects	Meetings Student organizations Receipts
	Loose page with meeting program notes Mailing label Rules and procedures for student organizations for Extra Curricula Committee (faculty) Constitution revisions, nd				
Box 1	7	English Club (WKU)	1932-1935	Minute Book 2	
Description	D2719, Available online at https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/77/			Subjects	Meetings Student organizations
	Angle, Rena Belle Beane, Calista Berry, Martha Boston, Virginia Calhoun, Ann Cedar House (WKU) Channey, Madeline				

Financial records
Membership
Riggs, George

Minute Book 5
Treasurer's notes

Minute Book 6
Cornwell, Tom. Letter to Paul Garrett re: guest speaker David Morton, 1949/03/11
Financial records
Membership
Minutes for the fifth meeting of the 1948-1949 year

Box 1	9	English Club (WKU)	1947-1948	Minute Book 5
Description	Baxter, June Curry, Ralph Financial records Foster, Jennie Fritz, Leroy Gilmore, Hal Johnson, John Loudermilk, Charles Loudermilk, Rachel Mansfield, James McClellan, Billie Membership Presentation of the First Annual Gordon Wilson Award, 10/01/1959, https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/79			Subjects Awards Meetings Speeches, address, etc. Student organizations
Box 1	10	English Club (WKU)	1948-1950	Minute Book 6
Description	Allen, Harold Baxter, Joe Cooke, John Cornwell, Tom Financial records Graven, Joan Greene, Barrett Jackson, Corrine Johnson, John Johnson, Rosemary Jones, Elaine Lee, Albin Lee, Harold Lewis, Mrs. Billy Lively, Robert Membership Shelton, Lewis Temple, Ruth Hines Van Cleve, Laverne Wilson, Gordon			Subjects Meetings Student organizations
Box 1	10	English Club (WKU)	1950-1951	Minute Book 7
Description	Bailey, Evelyn Botto, Carolyn Coke, James Craig, Laverne Deweise, Larry			Subjects Meetings Student organizations

Financial records
 Griffin, Margaret
 Hawkins, Edith
 Higgason, Gladys
 Lewis, June
 Mefford, David
 Membership
 Mercer, Dewey
 Pickard, Claude
 Richardson, Bob
 Smith, Katherine
 Sumpter, Rita
 Thornbury, Ina
 Vincent, Maurice
 Wilson, Gordon

Box 1	5	English Club (WKU)	1950-1954	Papers	
Description	Loose items removed from Minute Books 7-9			Subjects	Meetings Student organizations Awards Speeches, address, etc.
	Minute Book 7 Membership Minutes for 05/03/1951 meeting				
	Minute Book 8 Two lists of members. One is on the back of a duplicated advisor's information sheet for students in the English Department.				
	Minute Book 9 Financial records List of names Receipts Presentation of the First Annual Gordon Wilson Award, speech, 10/01/1959, D2717 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/79/				

Box 1	11	English Club (WKU)	1952-1954	Minute Book 8	
Description	AAUW speech contest			Subjects	Meetings Student organizations
	Apperson, Walt Bailey, Evelyn Bell, Bill Botto, Carolyn Constitution Cox, Sanford Deaton, Bernice Financial records Friday, Wilford Grinstead, Vera Hanson, Alice Hendrick, Mearlene Jefferies, Fay Johnson, Rosemary Kirkham, Wanda Leet, Helen Lindsey, Ben McKeel, Ann McWhorter, Elizabeth Mefford, David Membership Mercer, Dewey Miller, Clarese Moore, Pat				

Pickard, Claude
 Price, Bill
 Puckett, Gene
 Reneau, Joe
 Richardson, Bob
 Skinner, Jane
 Smith, Katheryn
 Sumner, Mary Ruth
 Sumner, Roger
 Thornbury, Ina
 Winchester, Jane

Box 1 12 English Club (WKU) 1954-1962 Minute Book 9

Description	<p>Adams, John Alexander, Don Apperson, Walt Arrender, Helen Asbury, Runell Atchison, James Basham, Marty Bell, Bill Bell, Margaret Boyd, John Bratcher, Dewey Bridges, Mary Brown, Clarice Catlett, Frances Chelf, Carl Childress, Helen Chumbley, Alice Copas, Mary Ann Crabb, Annie Curran, Faye Wells aka Diddy Day, Chester Deaton, Bernice Dempsey, Naomi Dickinson, Brents Driver, Sherry Duncan, Wayne Everley, Wayne Financial records Foote, Linda Forester, Bill Fuqua, Sandra Gentry, Jill Gibson, Bertha Grise, Mary Ruth Hall, Jo Ann Harmon, Brenda Heltsby, Joan Hensley, William Hightower, Nancy Hill, Bob Hocker, Eddie Hughes, Lucile Jenkins, Mary Helen Johnston, Judy Jones, Viola Kelsay, Terry Kirkham, Wanda Langsford, Walter Ling, Alice</p>	<p>Subjects</p> <p>Authors Awards Kentucky--Social life and customs. Meetings Poetry Poets Student organizations</p>
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Gray, Betty
 Hawkins, Ann
 Hayes, Wallace
 Howard, Mildred
 Huckleberry, Jim
 Johnson, Joann
 Jones, Bessie
 Jones, Mary Louise
 Keown, Dean
 Latt, Judy
 Locke, Nancy
 Lones, Susan
 Membership
 Miller, Bette
 Mooningham, H.C.
 Patton, Carolyn
 Petri, Dennis
 Reynolds, Barbara
 Riley, Colleen
 Rodes, Tara
 Runner, Tommy
 Schramm, David
 Sigma Tau Delta
 Siria, Tarry
 Snyder, Jim
 Stanley, Sharron
 Stuart, Sandra
 Support for petition to lengthen library hours
 Thurmond, Jim
 Vaught, Kay
 Voices, publication
 Wantland, Cyril
 Watson, Chester
 Wheaten, Steve
 Whittaker, Charles
 Wyman, Linda
 Young, Patsy
 Zbar, Flora

Box 1	6	English Club (WKU)	1964-1967	Papers
Description	Loose items removed from Minute Book 10 Minutes for the 10/12/1967 and 11/9/1967 meetings Notes to Nancy Receipts Treasurer's note Vaught, Kaye Watson, Chester			Subjects Meetings Student organizations Receipts
Box 1	14	English Club (WKU)	2014	Correspondence
Description	Flynn, James Hollyfield, Jerod Hovet, Ted Hughes, Sandra, Email to April McCauley re: English Club history, 06/26/2014			Subjects Correspondence History Student organizations