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**Albert Pechan Collection
Manuscript Group 6**

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5 boxes; 5 linear feet

Biographical Note



A native of Ford City, Pennsylvania – Albert R. Pechan (May 13, 1902-September 11, 1969) was a Republican Pennsylvania State Senator from Ford City. In 1928, he graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Dental Medicine. He served in the Pennsylvania State Senate from January 1949 to September 11, 1969. He was preceded in office by Jacob W. Carr. Senator Pechan was an active supporter of Indiana State College (which became IUP) during the 1960s. He served on the Board of Trustees for more than two decades. As a State Senator, Albert Pechan was instrumental in passage of the bill, which transformed Indiana State College (ISC) into Indiana University of Pennsylvania

(IUP). Senator Pechan represented the counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Jefferson, and Indiana in Western Pennsylvania.

After his death in office on September 11, 1969, Senator Albert R. Pechan was succeeded in office by Patrick J. Stapleton, Jr. (January 7, 1924-March 13, 2001) who also served on the Board of Trustees for Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and the Patrick J. Stapleton, Jr. Library at IUP was named in his honor in 1980-1981. For more information about Patrick J. Stapleton, Jr. see Manuscript Group 158.

Scope and Content Note

The Albert Pechan Collection is housed in six archival boxes including scrapbooks from his time in office (1949-1969). These papers include a small portion of his office files and correspondence from his tenure as Pennsylvania State Senator. These files include legislation and correspondence from the 1960s, and documents relating to the transition of Indiana State College to become Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) and university status (see Manuscript Group 134: Louise Bem) in 1964-1966. The scrapbooks mostly contain newspaper articles and documents related to specific years, including Pennsylvania elections (1940-1968).

Provenance

The collection was donated by the family of Albert Pechan.

Restrictions

None.

Processor

Records arranged and inventory rewritten in 2001, 2014, and 2020.

Container List**Box 1 Office Files and Correspondence (41 folders)**

1. Aeronautics Commission, 1961-1969
2. Armstrong County Commissioners Correspondence, 1956-1966
3. Armstrong County Development Authority Correspondence, 1968-1969
4. Legislative Report of American Legion, 1964-1969
5. Armstrong County Republican Committee and Jobs, etc. 1964-1969
6. Michael Baker, Jr. Correspondence, 1959-1965
7. Senator Albert Pechan Correspondence, 1962-1969
8. Blue Laws Sunday Closing Correspondence, 1958-1969
9. Broderick Ray Lt. Governor's Correspondence, 1967-1968
10. Bus and Parochial School Legislation, 1965-1967
11. Clarion County File, 1966-1969
12. Clarion State Shafer Hall, 1966-1969
13. Clarion State College Materials, 1968-1969
14. HB 585 CLEAN STREAMS ACT, 1959-1968
15. Congratulatory Notes to Pechan, 1967-1969
16. The Constitutional Convention, 1963-1968
17. CROWDS Letter of Appreciation, 1968-1969
18. Pennsylvania Chiropractic Clinic, 1968-1969
19. 18 Year Old Vote Materials, 1953-1969
20. Pennsylvania Board of Education Materials, 1964-1967
21. Pennsylvania Board of Education Materials, 1968-1969
22. Appreciation Notes, 1966-1969
23. Appreciation Notes, 1969
24. Newspaper Clippings, 1968 Election Information
25. Ford City Borough Materials, 1934-1967
26. Ford City Bypass, 1966
27. State Forests and Waters, Materials, 1964-1968
28. Approval of Freeport Bridge, 1957-1968
29. Grange Materials, 1968-1969
30. Gun Regulation Notes, 1968
31. Miscellaneous, 1966-1969
32. Game Commission Materials, 1965-1969
33. Gambling and Liquor Laws, 1959-1965
34. Federal Government Materials, 1968-1969
35. Hospital Letters, 1963-1969
36. Kittanning Bridge and Bypass, 1965-1968
37. Loyalty Oath, 1951-1967
38. Sample Letters, 1964-1969
39. Indiana University of Pennsylvania materials, 1965-1969
40. Albert Pechan Biography, n.d.
41. Miscellaneous, 1959-1969

Box 2 Office Files and Correspondence (17 folders)

1. Medical Training Facilities and Medical Practice, 1967
2. Pechan Memorial Service, 1977
3. Hahnemann Medical College, 1968
4. News Releases, 1965
5. News Releases, 1968
6. News Releases, 1969
7. President Richard Nixon's Election, 1968
8. Parental Responsibility Bill
9. Reports and Materials on Creation of IUP (1 of 2)
10. Reports and Materials on Creation of IUP (2 of 2)
11. Senate Apollo, Resolution Serial 6, 1969
12. Resolution 29 Serial 29 Landing on the Moon Stamps
13. Governor Shaffer's File, 1966-1968 (1 of 2)
14. Governor Shaffer's File, 1966-1968 (2 of 2)
15. Washington Appointment, 1969
16. Curtis Wright Corporation
17. Curtis Wright Quehanna

Box 3 Scrapbooks (4 Scrapbooks)

1. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook, 1959-1960
2. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook, 1960-1961
3. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook, 1961-1962
4. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook, 1962-1963

Box 4 Scrapbooks (4 Scrapbooks)

1. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook, 1964
2. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook, 1964-1965 (1)
3. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook, 1964-1965 (2)
4. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook, 1968

Box 5 Oversized Scrapbook (1 Scrapbook)

1. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook, 1958

Box 6 Oversized Scrapbook (1 Scrapbook)

1. Albert Pechan (State Senator): Scrapbook – Elections (Pennsylvania General Elections), 1940-1968