

Guide to the Records of Osiris Society at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology AC.0301

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Summary Information

Repository	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Institute Archives and Special Collections
Creator	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Osiris (Society)
Title	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Osiris (Society) records
Date [inclusive]	1904-1969
Extent	0.45 cubic feet (1 legal manuscript box)
Location	Materials are stored off-site. Advance notice is required for use.
Language	English

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Osiris Records, AC 301. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Institute Archives and Special Collections, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Historical note

Osiris was a student organization founded in 1904 by Massachusetts Institute of Technology student Arthur J. Sweet. It was a secret society with the purpose of promoting contact among students, administrators, and faculty. Each year the fifteen active student members selected their successors and a member of the administration or faculty or an alumnus to be an honorary member. The honorary members included each president of the Institute. The club was also referred to as "270" for an early meeting site at 270 Beacon Street in Boston.

The group met for monthly dinner meetings that provided informal settings in which undergraduates discussed issues and suggestions about Institute affairs to administrators and faculty. Osiris disbanded in the late 1960s.

Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of agenda notes, meeting minutes, anniversary celebration materials, member directories, and governing documents.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Access note

The collection is open for research.

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Osiris (Society)

Subject(s)

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology--History.
- Student activities.
- Student Life
- Student participation in administration.
- Teacher-student relationships.

Bibliography

We Meet in the Name of Osiris. MIT Libraries (Institute Archives): T171.M4241.O85 1958.

The Education of a College President: A Memoir, by James R. Killian. MIT Press, 1985, pp. 10-11.

"So what's an Osiris?" *The Tech*, May 21, 1971, pp. 5-6.

Collection Inventory

	Box
Constitution 1904	1
Information about origins, membership, initiation, constitutions 1904-1958	1
"The Myth of Osiris, and the Explanation of the Symbols on the Badge of the Society" undated	1
50th anniversary celebration, historical documents 1907-1956	1
Meeting minutes 1912-1915	1
Osiris dinner menus 1916	1
Membership directory 1931	1
Membership directory 1940	1
Directories, notes 1948-1969	1