COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Ohio State University has been chosen to receive the complete records of the former American College Public Relations Association and its predecessor organizations.

The records, which include more than 1,000 items, were presented to Ohio State by W. Emerson Reck, of Springfield, Ohio, vice president emeritus of Wittenberg University and historian of ACPRA.

Ohio State's collection includes materials from the American Association of College News Bureaus and the American College Publicity Association, two organizations that preceded the ACPRA.

The ACPRA merged with the American Alumni Council in 1974 to form the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Reck said he selected Ohio State to house the collection because of the Columbus ties of T.T. Frankenberg, who founded the AACNB in 1917. Frankenberg was a staff member at the former Ohio State Journal and also co-author of the textbook "Essentials in Journalism" with H.F. Harrington, an assistant professor of journalism at Ohio State from 1910 to 1914.

"We're very pleased to receive the records of these organizations," said Walter Bunge, director of Ohio State's School of Journalism. "They will be a valuable resource to our

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public relations students and anyone who wants to do research in the field. It's the only complete collection from these organizations anywhere in the country."

The oldest material in the collection are convention reports from the AACNE, written in 1924. The collection also includes issues of several newsletters, journals and magazines including the College Publicity Digest (September 1936 to July 1942), the College Public Relations Quarterly (October 1949 to July 1956) and the College and University Journal (Winter 1962 to May 1974).

Membership directories, conference reports and various studies are also part of the collection donated to Ohio State.

Reck was a member of the ACPRA and its predecessor organizations for 57 years. During that time he was editor of the association magazine, a vice president for research, president, board member and historian. He is author of the book "The Changing World of College Relations," published by CASE in 1978.

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