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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Mladinov, John K. (John Kremlin), 1921-1993
Title:	John Mladinov Photograph Collection
ID:	10998227
ID:	UA#0204
Date [inclusive]:	1939-1942
Physical Description:	.83 linear feet 2 document boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Collection of black and white photographs depicting campus activities, individuals, and student life taken by John K. Mladinov, an undergraduate student enrolled at Columbia University between 1939 and 1942.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); John Mladinov Photograph Collection; Box and Folder; University Archives, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

John Kremlin Mladinov was born in 1921 in Tacoma, Washington and moved to New York in 1939 where he enrolled in Columbia College. Mladinov attended Columbia College from September 1939 to May 1942 graduating with a Bachelor of Arts on October 26, 1949. He also attended the School of Engineering and Applied Science from June 1942 to August 1943 graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering on June 1, 1949. While a student at Columbia, Mladinov was elected to be a member of the Van Am Society in 1940, the 1848 Society in 1942, the Secretary for the Student Association Administrative Committee (SAAC) in 1942, and was a member of the Senior Advisory Board of the Columbian in 1942. After his time at Columbia, Mladinov served in the Armed Forces during World War

II. Following the war he completed a graduate program in transportation and planning at Yale University and then worked for the Washington State Department of Highways where he directed the Puget Sound Regional Transportation Study from 1950-1967. In 1967 he came to work for the New York State Department of Public Works, now known as the State Department of Transportation. Mladinov served as the Executive Deputy Commissioner of the New York Department of Transportation until he retired in 1991. Mladinov was presented the Governor Charles Evans Hughes Award in 1993 for outstanding individual service over an extended career by the American Society for Public Administration, Empire State, Capital Area Chapter. Mladinov died on December 23, 1993 and his wife Barbara Pratt Mladinov, with whom he had two daughters, established the John K. Mladinov Scholarship in 1994, which is awarded to a deserving undergraduate with a minor in liberal arts.

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of black and white photographs, mostly 8 by 10 inches in size, taken by Columbia College and School of Engineering student John K. Mladinov. Mladinov photographed many different events and individuals, some of which were published in the *Columbian* and *Columbia Alumni News*. Notable individuals photographed include President Nicholas Murray Butler, Dean Herbert Hawkes, Dean Nicholas McKnight, Dr. Frank Nobilletti, Chaplain Raymond Knox, and Vincent Lopez, as well as numerous unidentified individuals and groups. Mladinov also photographed events such as the Havermeyer Hall Lab Explosion's aftermath, Columbia Scholastic Press Association conferences, commencement, athletic events, and Army and Navy activities on campus during World War II. Some newspaper clippings are filed with the corresponding photograph, providing background information on the event or individual. Some of the photographs have the people identified and the year noted, but many do not have any identifying information. Undated photographs are assumed to have been taken during Mladinov's time at Columbia between 1939 and 1942.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in 7 series.

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Revision Description

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Acquisition

Margaret R. Kelly Gift, 1/9/2014 2014.2015.M065

Ownership and Custodial History

Photographs were donated by Margaret Kelly at the School of Engineering in January 2009 who had received the images from Mladinov's widow, Barbara Pratt Mladinov, in 2008.

Processing Information

Papers initially processed by Katie Henningsen in April 2009 and completed by by Ian Post (Pratt SILS intern) in October 2014.

Processing Information

Finding aid written by Ian Post in October 2014 based on notes created by Katie Henningsen.

Processing Information

The photographs found in this collection that were not taken by Mladinov were removed and incorporated into the Historical Photograph Collection. These include images taken by Columbian photographer Jack Lewis and a 1938 prom photograph by an unidentified photographer.

Accrual

No additions are expected

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Related Materials

Related Material at Columbia

[Historical Photograph Collection \(UA#0003\)](#)[Office of Public Affairs Photograph Collection \(UA# 0109\)](#)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Classrooms
- College buildings
- College students
- Commencement ceremonies
- black-and-white photographs
- Clippings (Information Artifacts)

- Photographs
- Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947
- Columbia University
- Columbia University -- Administration
- Columbia University -- Alumni and alumnae
- Columbia University -- Buildings
- Columbia University -- Football
- Columbia University -- Presidents
- Columbia University -- Students

Collection Inventory

Series I: Academics, 1941-1942

Scope and Contents

This series consists of image of students in classroom situations, including students observing a classroom lab experiment and students taking exams.

Title/Description	Instances
Academics, 1941-1942	box 1

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Series II: Administration, 1940s

Scope and Contents

This series consists of photographs of Columbia University administrators in both casual and formal settings, including President Nicholas Murray Butler and various deans. Most individuals are identified, while some are unidentified.

Title/Description	Instances
Identified administrative staff, 1940s	box 1
Unidentified administrative staff, 1940s	box 1

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Series III: Athletics, 1940s

Scope and Contents

This series contains images of athletics at Columbia and has the best identifiers of all the photographs in this collection. The most numerous athletic photographs depict football games and football player

portraits. The portraits often have biographical information about the player on the back of the images. Newspaper clippings for some of the football games are also included.

Title/Description	Instances
Baseball	
Games, 1940s	box 1
Players, 1940s	box 1
Basketball	
Games, 1940s	box 1
Players, 1940s	box 1
Crew, 1940s	box 1
Crew--Freshmen, 1940s	box 1
Crew--Varsity, 1940s	box 1
Fencing, 1940s	box 1
Football	
Coaches, 1940s	box 1
Crowds, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Army, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Brown, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Cheshire, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Colgate, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Colgate--Rally, 1942	box 1
Games vs. Cornell, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Dartmouth, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Fort Monmouth, 1942	box 1
Games vs. Maine, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Navy, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Pennsylvania, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Princeton, 1940s	box 1
Games vs. Yale, 1940s	box 1
Players, 1940s	box 1
Scope and Contents	
(includes two newspaper clippings)	
Practice, 1940s	

	box 1
Polo, 1940s	box 2
Rugby, 1940s	box 2
Soccer, 1940s	box 2
Tennis--Varsity, 1940s	box 2
Wrestling--Varsity, 1940s	box 2

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Series IV: Buildings and Grounds, 1940s

Scope and Contents

Series consists of images of buildings on Columbia's campus and campus snow scenes. Of particular note are images of the aftermath the Havermeyer Hall lab explosion in 1941 and an article clipping from *Columbia Alumni News* covering this event.

Title/Description	Instances
Havemeyer Hall Lab Explosion, 1941	box 2
Scope and Contents	
(includes newspaper article)	
Snow Scenes, 1940s	box 2

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Series V: Events, 1940s

Scope and Contents

This series includes commencement photographs, opening exercise images, the Columbia Band, bandleader Vincent Lopez, and Columbia Scholastic Press Association activities.

Title/Description	Instances
Bands, 1940s	box 2
Columbia Scholastic Press Association, 1940s	box 2
Commencement, 1940-1941	box 2
Opening Exercises, 1940s	box 2

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Series VI: Student Activities and Student Life, 1940s

Scope and Contents

This series consists of various images of student activities on campus. Students are photographed smoking, in meetings, and eating meals. The series also includes a group of physical education photographs which are supplemented with a newspaper clipping showing the photographs in published form.

Title/Description**Instances**

General, 1940s

box 2

Physical Fitness, 1942

box 2

Scope and Contents

(includes newspaper clipping)

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Series VII: World War II, 1940s**Scope and Contents**

This series of photographs depicts military activity at Columbia University during World War II. Images includes Army and Navy groups marching into Baker Field prior to a football game, views of the Navy's Midshipmen and V-12 training programs on campus, training, students selling war bonds, and a Victory Garden being planted.

Title/Description**Instances**

Army and Navy Training Schools, 1942-1943

box 2

Football pre-game Marches, 1940s

box 2

General, 1940s

box 2

Midshipmen's School, 1940s

box 2

Navy V-12 Program, 1940s

box 2

Training, 1940s

box 2

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