

## CHARLES E. COOPER PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION, circa 1970-1993

Box Lot: 5 boxes of black and white photo prints and contact sheets, 1 box of color photo prints, 3 boxes of photonegatives, 1 box of color photonegatives, 11 boxes of color slides, 1 box of color transparencies

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### Biographical sketch

Charles E. (Chuck) Cooper was a teacher for the Chicago Public Schools. He began his career at Lane Technical High School in 1952. Two years later he moved to Howland Elementary School on Chicago's west side. In 1958 he transferred to the Davis branch of Kelly High School on the south side of Chicago. In 1963 or 1964 he taught at Amundsen High School on Chicago's north side. In the early 1970s he taught art classes at Lane Tech until he retired in 1985. At Lane Tech, he also sponsored the Photography Club and oversaw photography for the school yearbook.

### Description of the collection

This collection consists of visual materials apparently accumulated during Cooper's last assignment at Lane Tech High School. It includes photographs, negatives, and slides primarily relating to high school activities, such as dances, events, musical and theatrical productions, photography club, and sports. It also includes students, graduation ceremonies, and International Night. A second focus of the collection is Chicago scenes and events, notably art exhibitions, trade fairs, "Venetian Night", Ginza Festival, and the Taste of Chicago. Some scenes show street views, museums, cultural institutions, and cityscapes.

### Container list

#### Series I: Photo prints

##### Box 1

1. Artwork by Charles E. Cooper
2. Circuses and shows
3. Art shows
4. Trade fairs
5. Mayor Byrne's Summertime Chicago
6. Grant Park
7. – 8. People
9. Ethnic groups
10. Rewards and prizes
11. Still life photographs
12. Streets

##### Box 2, Lane Tech High School

1. Schools
2. Dances
3. Events
4. "International Night"
5. - 6. Music
7. Photography Club
8. Sports
9. – 11. Students
12. Theatrical productions

Box 3 Mounted photo prints

1. Charles E. Cooper
2. Lane Tech High School, students and activities
3. Miscellaneous: Older man, "L" trains, and lovers on beach

Box 4

Series II: Photo prints, contact sheets

1. – 6. Education, Lane Tech High School

Note: These contact sheets include the following subjects

Building interiors and classrooms  
Students and student activities  
Graduation ceremonies  
Special events, "International Night"  
Theatrical production  
Music, concerts  
Sports events

Box 5

1. – 5. Chicago subjects

Note: These 8x10 inch and 11x14 inch contact sheets include the following subjects

Chicago events  
Art fairs and art exhibitions  
Chicago Fest  
Ginza Festival  
Circuses & carnivals  
Trade shows & exhibitions  
Chicago cityscapes

Street scenes

Lakefront & beach scenes

Parks, zoos, museums, Navy Pier, O'Hare Airport

People

Family groups, picnics, meetings

Box 6

1. –9. 11x14 inch contact sheets with miscellaneous subjects

Box 7

1. – 7. 11x14 inch contact sheets with miscellaneous subjects

Box 8

1. – 7. 11 x 14 inch contact sheets with miscellaneous subjects

Series III: Color Photo prints

Box 1

1. 8x10 inch photo prints

2. – 3. 11x14 inch contact sheets

Series IV: Photonegatives, black and white

Box 1-3

Series V: Photonegatives, col.

Box 1

Series VI: Color Transparencies

Box 1

Series VII: Color Slides

Box 1

1. – 4. Streets, Chicago

5. Cityscapes, Chicago

6. – 7. View from the "L" trains

8. Water Tower Place and Chicago Loop Synagogue

9. – 10. State Street, Christmas street scenes

11. Federal Plaza and Daley Plaza
12. First National Bank Plaza
13. – 16. Navy Pier

Box 2

1. – 2. Chicago lakefront & beach scenes
3. Lincoln Park Zoo and Chicago Historical Society
4. Art Institute of Chicago
5. Field Museum of Natural History
6. Views from the John Hancock Building
7. – 8. Views from the Sears Tower
9. – 11 The Century Plaza
12. – 15. O'Hare International Airport

Box 3, Lane Tech High School

1. Buildings and interiors
2. – 7. Students and teachers
8. Graduation ceremonies, 1978, 1981, 1982
9. Graduation ceremonies, 1981, 1983
10. Graduation ceremonies
11. Graduation ceremonies and ROTC
12. Halloween

Box 4, Lane Tech High School

1. – 2. Homecoming parades
3. Football
4. Football, Basketball, Gymnastics
5. Cheerleaders
6. Majorettes
7. Swimming & diving
8. International Nights, 1979-1982
9. International Nights, 1983
10. – 12. International Nights

Box 5, Lane Tech High School

1. – 7. Theatrical productions
8. – 10. Music
11. Photography club
12. – 13. Special events

Box 6, Chicago events

1. – 3. Old Town Art Fair, 1978
4. Old Town Art Fair, 1991
5. – 11. Art Expo, 1980
12. – 13. Art Expo, 1982
14. – 15. Art Expo, 1983
16. Art Expo, 1984

Box 7, Chicago events

1. – 4. Art Expo, 1984
5. – 7. Art Expo, 1985
8. Art Expo, 1989
9. – 14. Art Expo
15. – 16. Artwork by Charles E. Cooper

Box 8, Chicago events

1. – 3. Venetian Night, 1978
4. – 5. Venetian Night, 1981
6. – 16. Chicago Fest, 1978

Box 9, Chicago events

1. – 2. Chicago Fest, 1978
3. – 13. Chicago Fest, 1981
14. – 16. Chicago Fest, 1982

Box 10, Chicago events

1. – 4. Chicago Fest, 1982
5. Taste of Chicago
6. – 15. Ginza Festival, 1978
16. Ginza Festival, 1981

Box 11, Chicago events

1. – 3. Balloon ascension, Grant Park, 1978
4. – 7. Hang gliders, Lake Forest, 1978
8. – 10. Circus Parade, 1982
11. – 12. Christmas store window displays, 1980
13. Chicago Cubs, 1984

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