PRELIMINARY INVENTORY S0372 (SA1030, SA2010, SA2021, SA2536, SA2623) ADVERTISING WOMEN OF ST. LOUIS RECORDS

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Introduction

Approximately 11 cubic feet

The Advertising Women of St. Louis Records contains meeting minutes, correspondence, annual reports, flyers, photographs, and newspaper clippings, pertaining to the group's mission to support women advertising executives in the St. Louis area. Materials of interest include files on the group's Gridiron dinner and show, which the Advertising Women of St. Louis hosted to benefit St. Louis area charities, including the Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital. The collection is divided into five series: General Files; Gridiron Dinner; Photographs; Oversize; and Scrapbooks and Newsletters. The materials in this collection date from 1916 to 1980.

Advertising Women of St. Louis was founded in 1916, as the Women's Advertising Club of St. Louis. The goals of the organization were to promote and encourage the work of women executives in advertising. Their social functions, dinners, and charity benefits raised money for a variety of civic causes, primarily the Barnard Free Skin and Cancer hospital in St. Louis. The group also sponsored lecture series, essay contests for high school students, war bond programs, and a television series on advertising for KETC, the public television station in St. Louis. The annual Gridiron dinner produced by the organization gained public attention for its satire of local and national personalities and events. AWSL also sponsored the Flair Awards, which recognized achievement by women in the field of advertising.

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