



University of Missouri, Admission of Women Centennial Records (C2603)

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Collection Title: University of Missouri, Admission of Women Centennial Records

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Abstract: Correspondence and lists used in preparations for commemorative activities on the centennial of the admission of women to the University. Program bulletins, posters, press releases, copies of speeches delivered, photographs, and biographical materials on distinguished alumnae.

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(82 folders)

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Historical Note:

September 1967 marked the 100th anniversary of the admission of women to the University of Missouri. A 27 member committee, appointed by Chancellor John W. Schwada and led by Dr. Lois Knowles, was created to help coordinate special activities for the 1967-1968 centennial year.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Records
Scrapbooks

Scope and Content Note:

Records

The Records series includes correspondence, committee records, information on Centennial events, programs and press releases, photographs, and miscellaneous newspaper clippings.

Scrapbooks

The Scrapbook series was created by Betty Cook Rottmann and was originally contained within three separate binders. The information in the binders was put in file folders in their original order. This series consists of historical articles, newspaper clippings, photographs, programs and speeches, and documents describing some of the events and activities of the centennial celebration.

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| f. 2-5 | History. Correspondence and reports on the history of the first women students at the University of Missouri. Includes newspaper articles as well as photograph drawings of women students in 1867. |
| f. 6-25 | Women's Centennial Committees. Correspondence and minutes of meetings, lists of proposed and final committee members; correspondence about centennial scholarships and honored alumnae; correspondence planning and acknowledging success of centennial events. |
| f. 6-19 | Correspondence of general Women's Centennial Committee and honored alumnae, and photos of members, including honorary chairmen. |

- f. 20-25 Correspondence with University officials, private organizations and individuals, and students, concerning awarding of centennial scholarships of the Women s Centennial Scholarship Committee; includes examples of awards presented.
- f. 26-53 Centennial Events. Photos, press releases, biographical sketches of participants, and programs of University activities during the centennial year.
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