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Guide to the Hope Chamberlin Newspaper Columns, 1936-1938

Title

Hope Chamberlin Newspaper Columns

Dates

1936-1938 (inclusive)

Creator

Chamberlin, Hope

Summary

The Hope Chamberlin Newspaper Columns consist of articles Chamberlin wrote for the *Capital Journal* (later renamed the *Statesman Journal*) and the Portland *Oregonian* while attending Oregon State College in the 1930s. Chamberlin, a freelance writer, reporter and researcher, won the Christopher Award for her book on women in Congress.

Quantity

0.02 cubic ft.

The Chamberlin Newspaper Columns are housed in one document box.

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Biographical Note

Hope Chamberlin was born December 2, 1918 in Portland, Oregon, the daughter of Oregon State College professor of entomology W.J. "Joe" Chamberlin. While attending Oregon State College, Chamberlin led an active life as an undergraduate, serving as the feature editor for the college newspaper, the *Barometer*, as well as functioning as the copy editor and a member of the editorial board. During the last two years of her college career, Chamberlin wrote articles documenting student life at Oregon State College. These columns appeared in the *Portland Oregonian* and the *Capitol Journal*, published in the state's capital of Salem, under the heading of *College Capers*.

Hope Chamberlin graduated from Oregon State College in 1938 with a degree in Home Economics. In 1973 she published *A Minority of Members*, a lively account of the personal and political lives of the 85 women senators and representatives who served in the U.S. Congress from 1917 to 1973. The book earned her the 1974 Christopher Award for adult nonfiction. After her death on March 11, 1974, Chamberlin was memorialized in the Congressional Record. The former Journalism Department at Oregon State University established the Hope Chamberlin Award for outstanding communication achievements.

Arrangement

The newspaper columns are sorted by newspaper name and arranged chronologically.

Content Description

The Hope Chamberlin Newspaper Columns consist of photocopies of articles written by Chamberlin between 1936 and 1938. The articles pertain to various aspects of student life on the Oregon State College campus. The columns focus primarily on Greek life, dances, extracurricular activities and sports. The writing reflects the tenor of the times prior to the second World War and includes local and statewide news of events of concern and interest to college students.

The *Capital Journal* columns cover the months February to December, 1936; January to June, 1937; and September to June, 1937-1938. The *Oregonian* articles appeared from September to December, 1936; January to June, 1937; and from September to June, 1937-1938.

Preferred Citation

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Custodial History

The materials were presented to the University Archives in 1969 by Hope Chamberlin.

Related Material

Materials relating to student life at Oregon State College during the 1930s can be found in the Memorabilia Collection, the Oregon State College Clippings Scrapbooks, the Theta Sigma Phi (Alpha Eta Chapter) Records, and a variety of alumni manuscript collections.

Subjects

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Geographical Names

Corvallis (Or.)

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Newspaper columns.