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Guide to the Spike Sisters Scrapbooks, 1919-1936

Title

Spike Sisters Scrapbooks (MSS Spike)

Dates

1919-1936 (inclusive)

Creator

Spike, Eleanor May.

Summary

The Spike Sisters Scrapbooks were assembled by three sisters during their student years at Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) in the 1920s and 1930s and include photographs, clippings, ephemera, and publications. Eleanor May and Frances Miriam Spike graduated from OAC in 1925 with degrees in home economics; Mary Marcella Spike attended OAC in 1931-1934, studying pharmacy.

Quantity

1 cubic foot, including 229 photographs (2 boxes, including 1 oversize box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Eleanor May, Frances Miriam, and Mary Marcella Spike were all born in Echo, Oregon, and attended Echo High School. Eleanor May (born June 4, 1902) and Frances Miriam (born Sept 6, 1900) attended Oregon Agricultural College during the 1919/1920, 1920/1921, 1923/24, and 1924/25 academic years and earned BS degrees in home economics in 1925. Eleanor subsequently earned an MS in Household Administration from Oregon State College in 1933; Eleanor was Associate Professor and Director of the Home Management Houses from the mid-1930s until the mid-1940s. Frances completed an MS in Foods and Nutrition at Oregon State in 1936.

Mary Marcella (born September 8, 1913) attended Oregon State college during the 1931/32 and 1933/34 academic years; during the first year she was a student in commerce and during the second year she studied pharmacy. She did not complete a degree at Oregon State. She married Carl J. Weltzin in 1935; Mary died in 2008.

Content Description

The Spike Sisters Scrapbooks consist of three scrapbooks assembled by the sisters during their student years at Oregon Agricultural College. Two of the scrapbooks were assembled by Eleanor and Frances and include materials primarily from the early 1920s; the other scrapbook was assembled by Mary and includes materials from the 1930s. The scrapbooks include photographs, clippings, programs, dance cards, tickets, and other ephemeral items. The photographs are primarily snapshots of other students; they also include images of student activities and outings, campus buildings, and snow scenes. Group photographs of Mary Spike's Sigma Kappa sorority sisters and fellow pharmacy students are included.

The collection includes football game programs, a program for the Military Tournament, and dance and theater performance programs. Of special note is a menu from the Andrews and Kerr restaurant in Corvallis and the fall 1931 edition (volume 5) of *The Manuscript*, a literary magazine of student writing published by the English Department. Lecture notes taken by Mary Spike for Chemistry 204 (taken in 1934) and Economic Geography (taken in 1931) are included. An Oregon State College binder used by Mary and autographed by fellow students is part of the collection.

Preferred Citation

Spike Sisters Scrapbooks, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

The materials were donated to the Archives by Wallace Carl Weltzin, the son of Mary Spike, in 1999 and 2009.

Related Material

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Subjects

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Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.
Oregon State College--Students.

Topics

College students--Oregon--Corvallis.
Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.
Women--Oregon--Corvallis.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.

Scrapbooks.

Other Creators

Spike, Mary.

Spike, Frances Miriam.