



Guide to the Law Dames records, 1951-1973

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Summary

Collection Title:

Law Dames records, 1951-1973

Creator:

Duke University. School of Law. Law Dames

Abstract:

The Duke Law Dames was a social and service organization composed of law student wives, women law students, and wives of the law school faculty and alumni. Collection consists of reports, meeting minutes, constitutions and by-laws, newsletters, flyers, calendars of events, various printed material and scrapbooks.

Extent:

2.5 Linear Feet
about 1,500 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

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English

Language:

Material in English

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Background

Scope and Content

Contains material pertaining to the operations and activities of the Duke Law Dames with the inclusive dates 1951-1973. Materials present include reports, minutes of general meetings and the executive council, correspondence and memoranda, newsletters, flyers, manuals, and assorted printed material including cookbooks composed by the Dames and a welcome guide for wives of Duke Law students. Also present are material accumulated by several organization presidents including officer's reports, minutes of the executive council, newsletter drafts, officer election material, and various printed material. There are also three scrapbooks that contain clippings documenting various social events sponsored by the Dames and also letters, officer lists and member rosters, flyers, event calendars, newsletters, photographs, and other assorted ephemera.

Biographical/Historical

The Duke Law Dames was a social and service organization whose objective was to promote fellowship and to assist members in obtaining all benefits from the Duke-Durham area. Membership was open to law student wives, women law students, and wives of the law school faculty and alumni, although, the composition consisted mainly of law student wives. The organization presented an opportunity for wives to talk over their "common interests, enjoy interesting and educational programming, and most importantly to have fun." The group sponsored lectures, cooking demonstrations, fashion shows, holiday parties, and other assorted social and educational events. Structurally the Law Dames consisted of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. In addition, there were chairs of programming, social events, publicity, and special projects. Officers were elected on an annual basis.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

The Duke Law Dames records were received by the University Archives as a transfer in 1974.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Material

School of Law Reference Collection, 1934-1999 University Archives/David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library

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Names and Subjects

- Women law students -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Lawyer's spouses -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Duke University. School of Law
- Law Dames
- Duke University. School of Law -- Faculty
- Duke University. School of Law. Law Dames

Collection Inventory

General Files, 1951-1973 and undated

Physical Description: 1 box

Scope and Contents note

Series contains general material accumulated by various Law Dame members and includes announcements and memos concerning events, special groups, and the election of officers. Newsletters, constitution and by-laws, reports, material pertaining to similar national and regional organizations such as the National Law Wives, and printed material are also present. Printed material includes a cookbook composed by the Dames, "Culinary Casebook," and a welcome manual for wives of Duke Law students.

Annual reports, president, 1955-1964	Box 1
Correspondence, 1951, 1969-1971	Box 1
Constitutions, 1955-1956, 1967-1970	Box 1

"Culinary Casebook," 1972	Box 1
"Culinary Casebook," undated	Box 1
Elections, 1971, undated	Box 1
Favorite Recipes, 1966, undated	Box 1
Groups and events, 1966-1967, 1971, undated	Box 1
"Introducing Duke Law School," 1970	Box 1
Meetings, 1954, 1969-1971, undated	Box 1
Miscellaneous, 1966, 1970-1971	Box 1
Member manuals, 1969-1970	Box 1
Members and officers, 1955-1959, 1970-1973	Box 1
National Lawyer's Wives, 1970-1971	Box 1
Newsletter, 1969-1972	Box 1
Officer's reports, 1961-1962, 1971-1972	Box 1
Printed material, 1961-1962, 1965-1966	Box 1
Procedure sheets, flyers, council meetings, 1969 April-1970 April	Box 1

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President's Files, 1964-1973

Physical Description: 1 box

Scope and Contents note

Series contains material accumulated by various Law Dames presidents with inclusive dates 1964-1973. Material includes officer reports, executive council minutes, officer election material, newsletter drafts, member rosters, and assorted printed material. Series is arranged chronologically.

General, 1964-1969	Box 2
Physical Description: 4 folders	
Memoranda, 1969-1970	Box 2

Officer's reports, 1969-1970	Box 2
President's report, 1969-1970	Box 2
Meetings, programs, newsletters, 1971-1972	Box 2
Officer's reports, 1971-1972	Box 2
Executive Council meetings, 1972-1973	Box 2
Fliers, 1972-1973	Box 2
Miscellaneous, 1972-1973	Box 2
Newsletter, 1972-1973	Box 2
Officer's reports, 1972-1973	Box 2

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Scrapbooks, 1959-1973

Physical Description: 1 box

Scope and Contents note

Series consists of three scrapbooks that contain clippings documenting the Dames in the news: lectures, meetings of special groups, various social and community events, and events involving Duke University and Law School faculty. There are also flyers, letters, event calendars, newsletters, photographs, and other assorted ephemera. Series arranged chronologically with inclusive dates 1959-1973.

Scrapbook 1, 1959-1969	Box 3
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Scrapbook 3, 1972-1973	Box 3

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