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Abstract

The collection contains the administrative records of the Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and its predecessor, the Virginia Home Economics Association, including minutes, membership lists, reports to the state legislature, convention programs, constitutions and bylaws, newsletters, and materials related to the Student Member Section.

Creator

Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

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7.2 Cubic Feet 14 boxes

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

The discipline of home economics was first conceptualized in the 1890s by Ellen Swallow Richard, who subsequently founded the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) in January 1909. Mary Ledger Moffett, Mary E. Dillard and Frances Sale began organizing the Virginia Home Economics Association (VHEA) later that year, with Mary E. Dillard becoming the first president in 1910. The VHEA functioned as an affiliate of the national branch in its mission, promoting individual, family and community well-being in Virginia.

The AHEA changed its name to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) in 1994 in order to more accurately define the scope of the profession in general. The VHEA followed suit, becoming the Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (VAFCS).

With its predecessor, the VAFCS has served Virginia as a source of practical knowledge about human growth and development, personal behavior, housing and environment, food and nutrition, apparel and textiles, and resource management. It has also influenced Virginia legislation pertaining to the family unit by disseminating information and lobbying. The VAFCS is currently (2008) headquartered in Amelia, Virginia.

Scope and Contents

The Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Records consist primarily of permanent records produced by the VAFCS administrations. Most of the materials date from approximately 1940 to 1990; however, some of the membership lists, convention programs and newsletters date back to the 1920s. There are several published histories included in the collection that trace the VAFCS to its inception in 1909. Most of the permanent records were accumulated at the executive office that had been located in Lynchburg. The collection contains such records as meeting minutes, membership lists, officer lists, reports, correspondence, annual convention programs, revised handbooks, published histories, constitutions and bylaws, and newsletters. On a smaller scale, similar records were kept for the Student Member Section (SMS), a subsidiary of VHEA comprised of college clubs.

Related Archival Material

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Arrangement

The collection largely follows the original order in which it was received. The original folders had been grouped under headings, delineated by tabbed markers. These groupings have been preserved as 15 series, arranged by subject matter and material type. A sixteenth series was added for general materials that did not fit into any of the original categorizations. A small set of oversized materials completes the collection.

SERIES I: MINUTES, 1957-2001. This series includes minutes for significant meetings, including executive board meetings, executive council meetings, board of directors meetings and general assemblies of members.

SERIES II: MEMBERSHIP LISTS, 1922-1997. This series is comprised of lists of active members. Early lists document full name and town or county of residence. Beginning with the 1940s, most names have a corresponding mailing address as well. By 1965, all members were required to provide a full mailing address.

SERIES III: PRESIDENTS AND OFFICERS, 1958-2002. Lists of officers, naming state officers, college club/chapter officers, chairmen of district associations, chairmen of professional sections, chairmen of committees, including the convention committee, and news editors. As the VHEA expanded in size and scope, new positions were created along with new districts, professional sections, subject matter sections, and committees. Series III also contains a complete list of VHEA Presidents from 1910 to 1976. The President's Folder has papers that passed through the president's office between 1961 and 1971.

SERIES IV: SPECIAL REPORTS AND PROJECTS, 1921-2000. This series contains reports on the objectives and concerns of the VHEA. The Program of Work (POW) outlines broad annual goals and general plans of action throughout the history of VAFCS. Most of the folders are devoted to specific projects or reports intended to influence Virginia legislation or promote social issues that are of concern.

SERIES V: CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS, 1961-1979. Series V contains letters and memos that the VHEA sent or received. "Correspondence" and "VHEA Correspondence" include a variety of subjects between the years 1961 and 1971. "AHEA Correspondence" contains letters and memos between the VHEA and the AHEA regarding a variety of subjects between 1969 and 1979. "AHEA Communications" contains announcements addressed to state officers from 1967 to 1969.

SERIES VI: ANNUAL REPORTS, 1947-1973. Series VI consists of regular internal reports as well as reports addressed to the AHEA from approximately 1960 to 1973. The annual reports regard a variety of subjects including the status of the local college chapter. This series also contains many committee reports. The treasurer's reports contain suggested and accepted fiscal year budgets from 1958 to 1973. The president submitted statements about VHEA progress and accomplishments in the form of an annual "president's message."

SERIES VII: CONVENTION PROGRAMS, 1929-2002. This series contains a complete record of VHEA annual convention programs. Every year officers, committee members and regular members met to review the accomplishments of the previous year and to introduce future goals and plans of action. The programs also provide lists of the names and titles of speeches and presentations, as well as complete lists of the presiding officers, chairmen of committees, and chairmen of district committees.

SERIES VIII: HANDBOOKS, 1954-1995. Series VIII contains various editions of the VHEA Handbook, intended to serve as a guide for presiding officers and chairs of committees and units. It consists mostly of protocol and duty descriptions for VHEA leaders, and is therefore the most significant source for outlining the day-to-day functions of the organization. Revised every few years, it also portrays the development of the VHEA.

SERIES IX: VHEA HISTORY, 1956-1985. This series contains secondary sources pertaining to the history of the VAFCS. The most significant of these is a small book written in 1956 by VHEA founder and director of home

economics at Radford College, M'Ledge Moffett, entitled *The Virginia Home Economics Association: A Resume of Its Historical Developments*. It describes the initial push to integrate the study of Home Economics into higher education programs across the state, as well as other important events in VAFCS history. The file on Old Dominion Home Economics Association (ODHEA) contains officer lists from 1942 to 1966 when it merged with the previously segregated VHEA.

SERIES X: CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: This series contains various copies of the constitution and bylaws, showing their development to 1970. The earlier copies are undated. The constitution and bylaws of the VHEA Student Member Section from 1967 are also included.

SERIES XI: VHEA DISTRICTS AND REGIONS, 1924-1986. This series shows the development of the VHEA system of regions. There were four regions in 1977, with another three added by 1983. Regions served as the program arm of VHEA. Under a separate leadership, each region assisted the implementation of programs handed down from the state administration. The series is organized by region and the folders contain correspondence between the regional leadership and the state leadership.

SERIES XII: NEWSLETTERS, 1926-2002. The newsletter for members contains articles concerning the business of the organization as well as articles about the family. The newsletter also serves as a bulletin about the activities of other related organizations.

SERIES XIII: VHEA CONVENTION, 1960-1968. This series consists of correspondence pertaining to the annual convention.

SERIES XIV: STUDENT MEMBER SECTION, 1958-1989. This series contains material pertaining to the VHEA Student Member Section (SMS), including individual college club membership lists and membership reports, financial reports, and copies of *The College Echo*, the SMS newsletter. It also contains all material related to the annual workshops conducted by the college clubs, which was one of the main events related to the VHEA College Chapter.

SERIES XV: VHEA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, 1954-1965. The Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to outstanding females who planned to pursue a college degree, often related to the study of home economics. This series contains the papers from the committees, winning applications, and news from the winners during and after college.

SERIES XVI: GENERAL VHEA RECORDS, 1948-1984. This series documents the AHEA 75th anniversary that occurred in 1983, a VHEA boutique that was held in 1968, and executive council meeting from 1970 to 1971. There is also a folder for historic Virginia brochures, VHEA letterheads, and a collection of photographs and newspaper articles from 1948 to 1949.

Description of Subordinate Components

SERIES I: MINUTES

Unit Date 1957-2001

Unit Date 1957-1987

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1-7 (folder)

Unit Date 1988-2001

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

SERIES II: MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Unit Date 1922-1997

Unit Date 1922-1981

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3-8 (folder)

Unit Date 1982-1990

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1-9 (folder)

Unit Date 1991-1997

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 1-4 (folder)

SERIES III: PRESIDENTS AND OFFICERS

Unit Date 1958-2002

List of presidents (1910-1976)

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

President's folder

Unit Date 1961-1971

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Lists of officers

Unit Date 1958-2002

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 7-11 (folder)

Nominations for officers

Unit Date 1969-1970

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

AHEA officer candidates

Unit Date 1960-1969

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

VHEA vitae

Unit Date 1980-1985

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Photographs of officers and official functions

Unit Date 1964-1972

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

SERIES IV: SPECIAL REPORTS AND PROJECTS

Unit Date 1921-2000

"Old photographs and reports"

Unit Date 1921-1948

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

"Special projects - state level" - status of women

Unit Date 1960-1967

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

"Special projects - state level" - aging

Unit Date 1961-1962

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

State projects

Unit Date 1968-1969

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Home economics education - State Dept. of Education

Unit Date 1980

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

News coverage - program changes

Unit Date 1982-1983

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scarf Fund Grant

Unit Date 1974-1981

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Convention exhibits

Unit Date 1978-1981

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Committee report, correspondence

Unit Date 1962-1963

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Program of Work

Unit Date 1954-1956

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Program of Work, VHEA

Unit Date 1970-2000

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

SERIES V: CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Unit Date 1961-1971

Correspondence

Unit Date 1961-1969

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 14-20 (folder)

VHEA correspondence

Unit Date 1969-1971

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

AHEA communications

Unit Date 1967-1969

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 3-4 (folder)

AHEA correspondence

Unit Date 1969-1971

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 5-6 (folder)

SERIES VI: ANNUAL REPORTS

Unit Date 1947-1989

Annual reports

Unit Date 1967-1971

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 7-8 (folder)

Reports: subject matter sections, districts, etc.

Unit Date 1960-1967

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 9-12 (folder)

District V, VHEA secretary-treasurer

Unit Date 1964-1966

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Treasurer's reports

Unit Date 1958-1973

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Treasurer's account books

Unit Date 1957-1967

General Physical Description note [see Oversize Materials]

Unit Date 1967-1982

General Physical Description note [see Oversize Materials]

Unit Date 1982-1989

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

President's reports and messages

Unit Date 1947-1967

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

SERIES VII: CONVENTION PROGRAMS

Unit Date 1929-2002

Unit Date 1929-1999

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 2-8 (folder)

Unit Date 2000-2002

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

SERIES VIII: HANDBOOKS

Unit Date 1954-1995

Trial form

Unit Date 1954

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

1966

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

1979

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

1983

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

1989

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

1993

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

1995

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

SERIES IX: VHEA HISTORY

Unit Date 1956-1984

Old Dominion Home Economics Association merger

Unit Date 1979

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Assorted pamphlets

Unit Date 1981-1984

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

"Books: history VHEA"

Unit Date 1984, n.d.

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

**The Virginia Home Economics Association: a résumé of its historical development, 1909-1956
by M'Ledge Moffett**

Unit Date 1956

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

History of college clubs

Unit Date 1960-1965

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Virginia colleges teaching home economics

Unit Date 1977-1985

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

SERIES X: CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Unit Date 1926-1973

Constitution - development

Unit Date 1926-1973

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Constitution and bylaws - Student Member Section

Unit Date 1967

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Installation - College Chapter Section officers

Unit Date 1958

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

SERIES XI: VHEA DISTRICTS AND REGIONS

Unit Date 1924-2000

VHEA regions

Unit Date 1924-1986

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Central

Unit Date 1978-1984

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Charlottesville

Unit Date 1984-1986

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Lynchburg

Unit Date 1984-1993

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Northern

Unit Date 1977-2000

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Richmond

Unit Date 1981-1991

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Western

Unit Date 197-1990

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Valley

Unit Date 1984-1988

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Southeast

Unit Date 1977-1994

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

SERIES XII: NEWSLETTERS

Unit Date 1926-2002

Unit Date 1926-1989

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 7-11 (folder)

Unit Date 1990-2002

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

SERIES XIII: CONVENTIONS, 1960-1968

VHEA

Unit Date 1960-1971

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 3-12 (folder)

AHEA

Unit Date 1967-1968

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

SERIES XIV: STUDENT MEMBER SECTION

Unit Date 1958-1996)

Workshops

Unit Date 1958-1969

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 3-9 (folder)

Students

Unit Date 1970-1989

box-folder 11 (box)

Container 10-11 (folder)

Constitution

Unit Date 1969-1996

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Membership applications

Unit Date 1966-1967

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 2-3 (folder)

Membership reports

Unit Date 1969-1971

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 4-5 (folder)

Echos and VHEA Newsletters

Unit Date 1960-1969

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

College Club reports

Unit Date 1960-1967

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

General materials

Unit Date 1975-1976

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

SERIES XV: VHEA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Unit Date 1954-1965

Winning applicants

Unit Date 1956-1964

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

News from winners

Unit Date 1957-1965

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Records, letters and rules

Unit Date 1954-1962

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Reports and history, members of committees

Unit Date 1955-1962

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

SERIES XVI: GENERAL RECORDS

Unit Date 1948-1984

75th anniversary commemorative calendar

Unit Date 1983-1984

box-folder 12 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Certificate of appreciation to 75th anniversary contributors

Unit Date 1984

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

VHEA boutique

Unit Date 1968

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letterhead, bag, pins

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Newspaper clippings and photographs

Unit Date 1948-1949

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Executive council meetings

Unit Date 1970-1971

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Historic Virginia advertisements

Unit Date 1969

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

General materials

Unit Date 1944-1967, n.d.

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

"Initiation Service for Buffalo State Teachers College Graduating Seniors"

Unit Date 1944

Affiliation and membership applications

Unit Date 1961

Publication and merchandise price lists and order forms

Unit Date 1964, n.d.

"Women in the Labor Force, 1925-1970" - commentary of Joan Rucker

Unit Date 1965

VHEA budget worksheet

Unit Date 1965-1967

AHEA parenting education posters

Unit Date n.d.

General Physical Description note [3 items]

Physical Location [see Oversize Materials]

Biographical sketch of Dr. A. June Bricker

Unit Date n.d.

"Guides for State College Club Advisers"

Unit Date n.d.

Lists of VHEA districts and AHEA regions

Unit Date n.d.

OVERSIZE MATERIALS

Unit Date 1973-1989

Treasurer's record book

Unit Date 1973-1975

Scope and Contents note

[from Series VI]

Treasurer's record book

Unit Date 1982-1989

Scope and Contents note

[from Series VI]

AHEA parenting education posters

Unit Date n.d.

General Physical Description note [3 items]

Scope and Contents note

[from Series XVI]