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Record Group Number

MSS 11-13

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English

Abstract

The Mount Vernon High School Collection spans the years 1944-1994 and consists of student newspapers, a student handbook, a graduation program, reunion programs, and a newspaper clipping of the 1952 graduating class.

Creator

Virginia Room Staff

Extent

.25 linear feet

Repository

Fairfax County Public Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

None

Use Restrictions

Consult repository for information

Acquisition Information

Collection assembled by Virginia Room Staff over a period of years. A portion of the collection was donated by Mayo Stuntz. Melanie Quinn, daughter of Lilla Wray Eaton '44, donated the 1944 Em Vee Hi newspaper and Class of 1944 reunion ephemera in November 2022.

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Separated Material

None

Historical and Biographical Information

In November 1938, the County School Board of Fairfax County purchased 8.8 acres of land, formerly part of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, from George P. Beach. The Public Works Administration (PWA) constructed a two-story colonial revival high school building on the site at a cost of about \$100,000. The new school building replaced Lee-Jackson High School. When it opened in January 1940, the faculty and students of Lee-Jackson transferred to the new Mount Vernon High School. Several additions were later added onto the building. In 1973, a \$6,593,000 renovation project converted the Walt Whitman Intermediate School (erected in 1961) into the current Mount Vernon High School located at 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Mount Vernon High School celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2015 and the county erected an historical marker in front of the original high school building in 2016.

Scope and Content

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Index Terms

Fairfax County Public Schools

Fairfax County (Va.) - Education

Mount Vernon High School (Alexandria, Va.)

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Box 1 Folder 3: School Newspaper, "Em Vee Hi", 1952 June

Box 1 Folder 4: Program, Mount Vernon High School Commencement Exercises, 1950 June 9

Box 1 Folder 5: Student Handbook [belonged to Roy Rothgeb], 1952

Box 1 Folder 6: 1952 Graduating Class photograph from newspaper, 1952

Box 1 Folder 7: Program, Class of 1944 20th Anniversary Reunion [contains a photograph of graduates Margaret Rogers and Lila Wray], 1964 June 6

Box 1 Folder 8: Program, Class of 1944 50th Anniversary Reunion, 1994 June 3

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