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Descriptive Summary

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English

Abstract

The Debating Club Records is comprised of a record book and papers containing meeting minutes, membership lists, and attendance records, documenting club activities from its founding in 1928 until 1940.

Extent

0.12 cubic feet 2 folders

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Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University

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Items were in the cage at the time of founding.

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Items were minimally processed, originally located in SU 93-0331, Minutes and Scrapbooks.

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Administrative History

The State Teachers College Debating Club formed in 1927 with 15 original members, with the goal to "train its members in the art of debate and oratory and foster intercollegiate debating and oratory." Between 1927 and the early 1940s, members of the Debating Club competed against students from Bridgewater College, State Teachers College at Farmville, Randolph Macon Women's College, Waynesboro College, King College, and Shepherdstown College, among other colleges. The club was discontinued by 1942, though other debate and forensics organizations formed in subsequent years.

Scope and Content

The Debating Club Records is comprised of a record book and papers containing meeting minutes, membership lists, and attendance records that document club activities from its founding in 1928 until 1940. Meeting topics include the election of officers, debate topics, and logistical discussions about upcoming competitions.

Papers found interleaved in the record book include a copy of the Debating Club Constitution and By-Laws, meeting minutes, membership lists, and debate preparation materials.

Keywords

Minutes (administrative records)

Membership lists

Constitutions

Bylaws (administrative records)

Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History

Debates and debating

State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- History

Madison College -- History

State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- Students

Madison College -- Students

State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- Students -- Social life and customs

Madison College -- Students -- Social life and customs

James Madison University -- Students -- History

Other Formats Available

Selected portions of the record book have been digitized. They include the Constitution and Bylaws Draft 1, Constitution and Bylaws Draft 2, and Pledge with Signatures.

Bibliography

Dingledine, Raymond C. "Madison College, the First Fifty Years, 1908-1958." Harrisonburg, VA: Madison College, 1959. "Debating Club is organized here." *The Breeze*, January 7, 1928. Accessed February 13, 2018. <http://commons.lib.jmu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1348&context=i19221929>

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Meeting Minutes

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/5507

Unit Date 1928-1940

Mixed Materials [1000898592] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Loose Inserts

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