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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SC 0319

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Unit Date

circa 1954

Language

English

Abstract

The Mary Frances Funk Papers, circa 1954, comprise one photograph album, loose photographs, and ephemera documenting Funk's time as a student at Madison College.

Creator

Funk, Mary Frances, 1932-2020

source

Marcus, Richard

Extent

0.16 cubic feet 2 folders

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to Special Collections in August 2021 by Richard Marcus, Mary Frances Funk's nephew.

Processing Information

An envelope containing loose photographs was included in the photograph album when it was donated to Special Collections. The photographs were placed in an acid-free paper enclosure and placed back in the photograph album.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Mary Frances "Fran" Funk (1932-2020) was born in Berryville, Virginia to Mary Sue Deal Funk and Charles Richard Funk. Funk matriculated at Madison College in the fall of 1950 and majored in elementary education. She graduated in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in education. While a student at Madison College, Funk was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau, Association for Childhood Education, and Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). In 1968, she received a master's degree in education from the University of Maryland. Funk taught elementary school for forty years in Virginia and Maryland before retiring in 1995.

Scope and Content

The Mary Frances Funk Papers, circa 1954, comprise one photograph album, loose photographs, and ephemera documenting Funk's time as a student at Madison College.

The photographs feature campus scenes, buildings and grounds, the kissing rock, students in their caps and gowns, Funk and her fellow classmates, May Day celebrations, dormitory interiors, and general student life. The bulk of the pages are blank without any photographs. None of the photographs are captioned or include descriptions. The front cover of the photograph album is embossed with the Madison College seal.

Two programs document the 1954 commencement exercises. A satirical news release, written by fellow members of the class of 1954, provides fictitious updates on members of the graduating class upon the celebration of their future ten-year reunion.

Separated Materials

Mary Sue Deal's 1924 State Teachers College diploma, which was part of the same donation, was separated from this collection and incorporated into UA 0036. Deal was Mary Frances Funk's mother. Funk's 1954 yearbook, embossed with her name, was added to Special Collections's yearbook holdings.

Keywords

Photograph albums
Photographs
Programs (documents)
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Commencement ceremonies
Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History
Marcus, Richard
Madison College -- History
Madison College -- Alumni and alumnae
Madison College -- Students
Madison College -- Students -- Social life and customs
Madison College -- Buildings

Bibliography

The Schoolma'am, 1954. Harrisonburg (Va.): Madison College.
Obituary of Mary Frances Funk, The Capital Gazette, December 20, 2020.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the order in which it was received. The printed materials are foldered separately from the photograph album and loose photographs.

Description of Subordinate Components

Photograph album

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25742

Unit Date circa 1954

Mixed Materials [1000898426] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Commencement programs and satirical news release

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25743

Unit Date 1954, undated

Mixed Materials [1000898426] OV 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)