Finding Aid to the Biological Sciences Department  
College of Science and Mathematics

Biological Science Department  
Biological Science Department records, 1938-1990  
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OVERVIEW

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The biological sciences department current configuration dates from July 1, 2000 when the former Departments of Botany/Biology and Zoology merged into the Department of Biological Sciences. The roots of the department go back to the beginnings of the university. In the first annual bulletin for North Dakota Agricultural College (May 1892) “botany and zoology” are listed as one of the eleven course of study available. As of the 1905-1906 Bulletin, Biology
was listed as a department, with biology, botany, zoology, physiology, and bacteriology as the course components.

ARRANGEMENT

The records are arranged into the following series:

Departments – Categories Breakdown

- 16.4.1.1 Departmental Background
- 16.4.1.3 Committees, Task Forces, Commissions
- 16.4.1.6 Reports and Documents
- 16.4.1.8 Publications
- 16.4.1.9 Recruitment

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records are separated into five series: Departmental Background includes historical information on the study of botany and plant pathology at NDSU, a chronological format of the history of botany at NDSU from 1890 through 1990, and numerous fact sheets from the late 1980s. Committees, Task Forces, Commissions consist of one folder of reviews of introductory biology courses by the Biological Review Committee from 1984, 1985. Reports include the 1983 annual botany report, as well as the 1989 biological science review report. Publications consist of one paper, “Relation of Birds to Certain Power Transmission Lines in Central North Dakota” from November 1979. Recruitment consists of information on graduate study in botany/biology from 1979, and an open house in the department from 1982.

FOLDER LIST

Finding Aid

16.4.1.1 Departmental Background
- History of Botany - 1890-1990 - short chronological format - 1990
- NDSU Facts - Biology/General Science - 1988
- NDSU Facts - Botany - 1988
- NDSU Facts - Botany/Biology -1988
- NDSU Facts - Fisheries and Wildlife - 1989
- NDSU Facts - Zoology - 1989

16.4.1.3 Committees, Task Forces, Commissions
Botany/Biology Department - Biology Review Committee - Review of Introductory Biology courses - 1984, 1985

16.4.1.6 Reports and Documents
Annual Report - Botany - 1983
Biological Science Review (Biochemistry, Botany/Biology, Geology, Zoology) – Vol. 4 of 4 – 1989

16.4.1.8 Publications

16.4.1.8.1 Newsletter
Botany Newsletter – 1938-1942 [gaps]

16.4.1.8.2 General

16.4.1.9 Recruitment
Graduate Studies in Botany/Biology - July, 1977
Open House Tour - Botany/Biology - 1982