

Finding Aid to the American Association of University Women Fargo Branch Records

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HISTORY

The Fargo Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) was formed on January 27, 1922. It was the third branch of the AAUW to form in North Dakota. The bylaws were adopted March 25 and recognition was received by the AAUW after April 1, 1922. The original purpose, as stated in the constitution, was to be "the uniting of college alumnae for the purpose of carrying on work suggested by the American Association of University Women, and such local work as is deemed desirable." The

bylaws were revised over the years, and by 1979 the purpose included "to concentrate and increase their effectiveness in the community for the solution of social and civic problems."

The AAUW meeting year runs September through May. Two new study group topics are adopted each year and usually involve a current affairs issue (e.g., violence toward women, pollution). The AAUW also sponsored an annual book fair and a tour of homes to raise money for various local projects (e.g., educational fellowships, the F-M Community Theater, the Fargo Public Library). Over the years the AAUW has also been active in the state and national legislative sessions, lobbying for such issues as labeling canned goods (1943), ERA (1970s), abortion rights (1980s), and women's health (1990s).

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The American Association of University Women, Fargo Branch records primarily include documents from the 1950s-1990s, and relate to the activities of the club. Of particular value are the Newsletters and Operations and Activities series, which detail the extent to which the organization was active in the community. There are eight series in the collection: Bylaws, Operations and Activities, Finance, Newsletters, Correspondence, Minutes and Reports, Subject, and Scrapbooks. An earlier accession has been processed as Mss 157.

The [Bylaws](#) series includes the bylaws of the club and revisions, as well as the legislative handbook of the organization.

The [Operations and Activities](#) series is one of the largest in the collection, and includes membership rolls and documents relating to organization events. In particular, there are several brochures the organization printed to inform non-members about the organization.

The [Finance](#) series includes budgets and other financial information relating to the organization, including grant proposals. Of unique interest is a copy of a will in which the deceased left a bequest to the organization.

The [Newsletter](#) series includes the monthly newsletters of the organization from 1987-2005. Each newsletter provides information about the organization's activities, including summaries of past meetings.

The [Correspondence](#) series consists of two small folders containing various pieces of correspondence from 1954-1998. Included are both formal letters and informal notes and memos.

SEPARATION RECORD

1 photo album
11 loose photographs

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Finding Aid, and Historical Information
	Bylaws Series
1/2	Bylaws and Legislative Handbook
	Operations and Activities Series
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	Finance Series
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	Newsletter Series
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Correspondence Series

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Minutes and Reports Series

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Subject Series

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Scrapbooks Series

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